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登場人物紹介

◆皇国軍◆

漆原少尉
第十一大隊所属。新城に反発する。

猪口曹長
熟練の曹長。新城の参謀的な存在。

千早（剣牙虎）
新城が世話をしている優秀な剣牙虎。

新城直衛大尉
本編の主人公。野戦昇進し、第十一大隊を指揮する。剣牙虎の扱いに精通。

金森二等導術兵
特殊能力で索敵・通信などを行う。

妹尾少尉
敗走し、第十一大隊に合流した。

兵藤少尉
第十一大隊所属。尖兵を統括する。

◆帝国軍◆

バルクホルン
〈帝国〉陸軍の大尉。兵からの信頼が厚い。

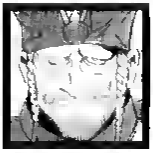
メレンティン
ユーリアの作戦参謀を務める。

カミンスキィ
〈帝国〉陸軍大佐。強い野心を抱く。

ユーリア
〈帝国〉陸軍の元帥。〈皇国〉侵略の総司令官。

アルター
シュヴェーリンの部下。参謀長を務める。

シュヴェーリン
〈帝国〉軍先鋒隊指揮官。新城の戦術に苦戦。



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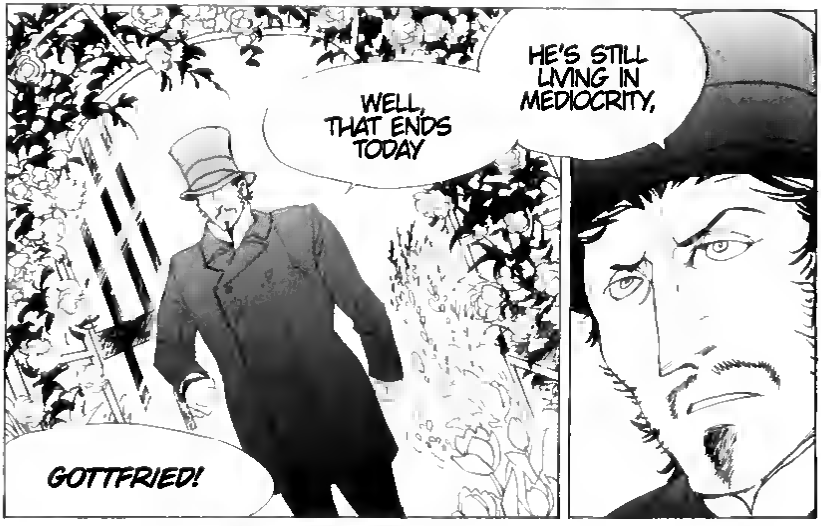
バルクホルンの部下。軍曹を務める。

12 YEARS AGO, WESTERN TERRITORIES
WHERE IS GOTTFRIED?
CONSIDERING THE TIME,
I BELIEVE THE YOUNG MASTER IS TENDING TO THE GARDEN


HE'S STILL LIVING IN MEDIOCRITY,
WELL, THAT ENDS TODAY
GOTTFRIED!

YOU SHOULDN'T PULL THEM NOW, FELIRA
THOSE HAVE JUST BEEN PLANTED
Ch. 3
Senza Pardono, Senza Pietá
(Without Pardon, Without Piety)
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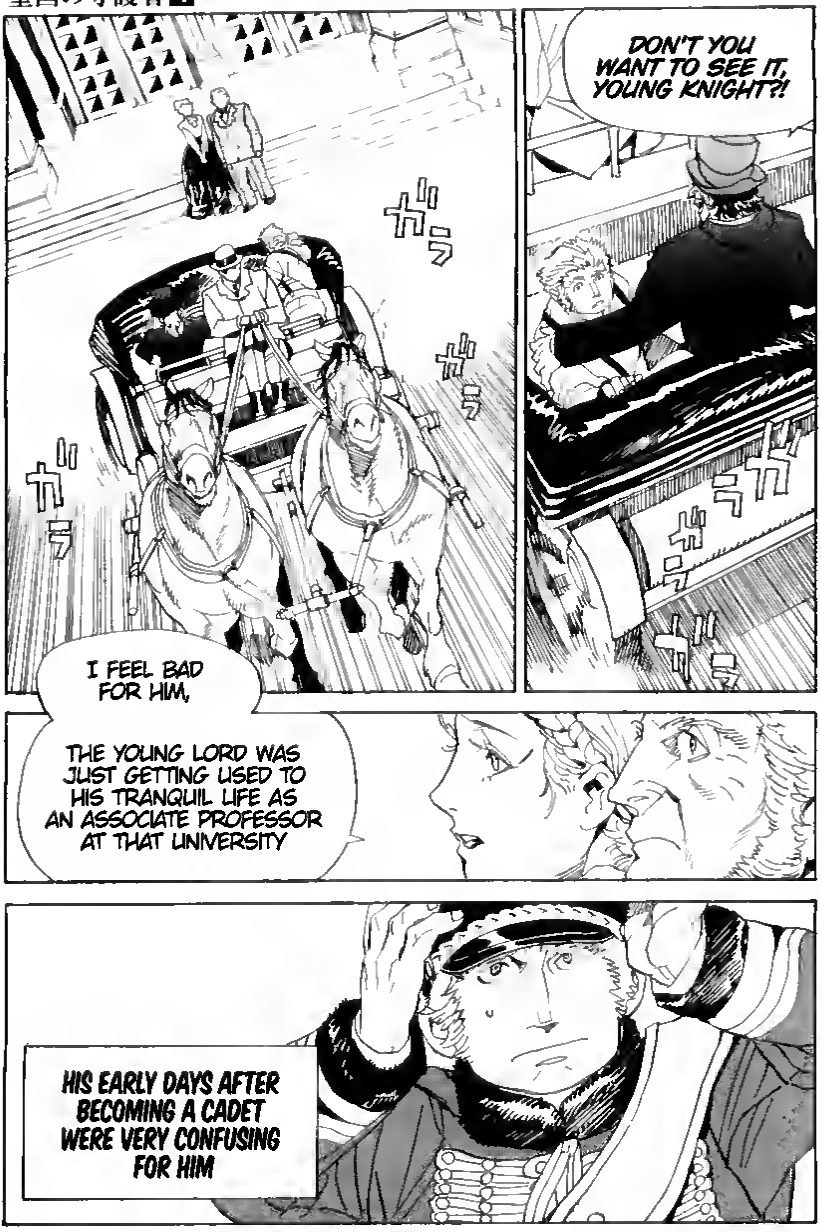
GOTTFRIED NOLTING VON BARKHORN!
THIS NAME HAS SUCH A FIERCE SOUND TO IT...

BUT WHAT I SEE HERE IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THAT!
AHH! UNCLE, WELCOME!
EBERT... YOU KNOW THAT BOY'S ONLY REDEEMING FEATURE IS HIS GENTLENESS, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
YES, BROTHER
GOTTFRIED WILL JOIN THE ARMY?
DO NOT FORGET, BROTHER
HE WILL SERVE AS A CADET IN THE LANCER REGIMENT LED BY ME

THE BARKHORN FAMILY ENJOYS CLOSE TIES TO THE MILITARY FOR GENERATIONS,
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD KNIGHTS
WE CAN'T HAVE ONE WHO DESPISES WAR AS THE HEAD OF OUR FAMILY
THAT'S RIGHT
I WILL BE HAVING YOU JOIN THE ROYAL ARMY AND LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT
I'VE ALREADY TAKEN ALL THE STEPS NECESSARY TO DO SO!
YOU ARE A PERSON WHO WORKS FOR THE WELLBEING OF THOSE IN YOUR DOMAINS,
THE PEOPLE ADORE YOU!
BUT NOT ONCE IN YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU SEEN A BATTLEFIELD,
AND SO...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DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE IT, YOUNG KNIGHT?!
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM,
THE YOUNG LORD WAS JUST GETTING USED TO HIS TRANQUIL LIFE AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THAT UNIVERSITY
HIS EARLY DAYS AFTER BECOMING A CADET WERE VERY CONFUSING FOR HIM

BUT HE COULD RELAX AROUND MOST OF THE RECRUITS ENLISTED FROM HIS UNCLE'S DOMAINS
AND HIS SUPERIORS, VERY ARROGANT
DUE TO HIS STATUS AS NOBILITY, MANY OF THE THE OTHER CADETS WERE UNUSUALLY RUDE WITH HIM...
AND SO MANY OF THOSE WERE KIND TOWARDS THE YOUNG BARKHORN AND HIS FAMILY
HIS'S UNCLE'S DOMAINS WHERE DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO HIS FATHER'S...
THEY OFTEN LENT HIM A HAND
IT WAS THANKS TO THESE BOYS THAT GOTTFRIED WAS ABLE TO TO STRUGGLE THROUGH HIS PERIOD AS A CADET...

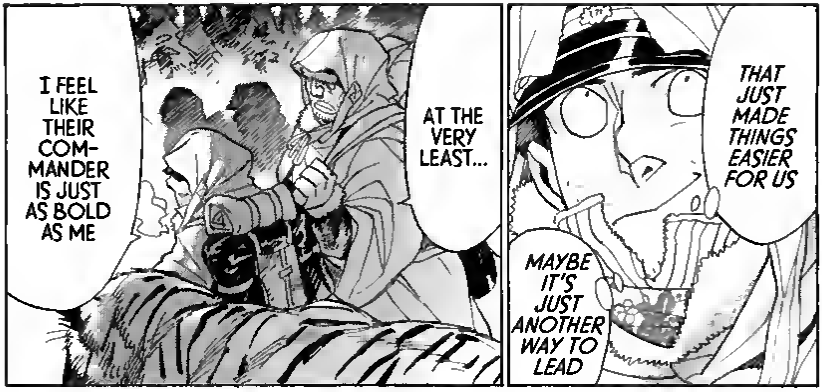
THOSE PEOPLE CERTAINLY HAD A GREAT INFLUENCE IN MAKING HIM BECOME THE MAN HE IS NOW
EVEN AS HE MOVED UPWARDS IN THE ARMY AND BECAME A COMMISIONED OFFICER
HE KEPT ALL THOSE YOUNG LORDS HE TRUSTED ARDUND HIMSELF,
BUT AS LONG AS A PERSON IS IN THE ARMY, ONE HAS TO LIVE ACCORDING TO HIS APPEARANCES...
AND SO, GOTTFRIED BARKHORN BECAME A DILIGENT, SERIOUS MAN
HIS HORSEMANSHIP FAR ABOVE THAT OF AN AVERAGE CAVALRY OFFICER
SOME STARTED SAYING HE WAS LIKE A "POTATO",
WHILE OTHERS PRAISED HIS BRAVERY
CONTRARY TO HIS APPEARANCE, HE WASN'T SO STERN...

HIS SUBORDINATES WERE ALL DEVOTED, SKILLED, AND BRAVE...
AND THUS, CAPTAIN BARKHORN BECAME A KNIGHT
GOTTFRIED! IT HAS BEEN DECIDED!
YOU'RE BEING TRANSFERED TO THE EASTERN TERRITORIES LISSARL REGIMENT!

UNCLE...
ALL MY TRAINING HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON JOINING THE LANCERS, NOT HEAVY CAVALRY
FELIRA IS REACHING MARRIAGE AGE,
IF I'M SENT THAT FAR...
I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND HER WEDDING
DO NOT WORRY, MY BROTHER
THE EASTERN TERRITORIES ARE IN NEED OF SKILLED SOLDIERS FOR THEIR CURRENT CAMPAIGN,
AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DISPLAY YOUR ABILITIES
UNTIL YOU RETURN TO US...
I WILL DEFINITELY NOT MARRY ANYONE!

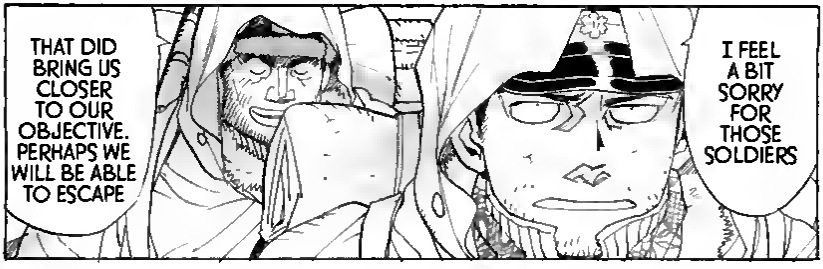
I DON'T REALLY KNOW IF I'M SUPPOSED TO LOVE OR HATE MY UNCLE...
TO BE FRANK...
EVERYTHING HE DID WAS WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS
THESE ARE FAMILY BONDS...
WHAT DID THEY HOPE FOR WHEN THEY JOINED THE ARMY?
WHAT DO THEY THINK THEIR ENEMIES WANT?
COMM-ANDER
ABOUT THOSE WAGONS WE SAW A WHILE AGO
IF THEY BELIEVE THIS SITTUATION IS INJUST...
BUT...
WHAT ABOUT THOSE BEAST TAMERS?
BUT IF I COULD, I'D LEAVE THE ARMY AND RETURN TO MY HOMETOWN...
I WONDER IF MY FATHER WANTED THE SAME AS WELL

THERE WERE TOO FEW
THOSE WEREN'T JUST LEFT BEHIND BY OUR ENEMIES. THEY SEEM TO HAVE BEEN FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER.
AH...
THEY TRIED TO MOVE WITH AS FEW SUPPLIES AS POSSIBLE, SO A SMALLER SQUAD MOVED BACK AND FORTH WITH THEIR SUPPLY WAGONS SO THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP...
ALL TO MAKE SURE THEY COULD KEEP GOING AS FAST AS THEY COULD. THEY BELIEVED THIS WAS THE BEST THEY COULD DO TO MAINTAIN SPEED
BUT... WHY?
TRYING TO PUSH FORWARD SO HARD...
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS RECKLESS OR BRAVE
THEY ENDED UP NOT BEING ABLE TO COVER MUCH DISTANCE



The only thing I am sure of...

Is that once again we have no choice but to fight



TO ACCOM-PLISH OUR GOALS...
WE WILL HAVE TO PURSUE AND DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES,
THERE-FORE...
WE SURE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETREAT
Our own hopes and desires as humans
To reach this point,
We had to cast aside and crush,

IT ALSO FORBIDS MEANINGLESS SLAUGHTER, EVEN ON A BATTLEFIELD
UNDER THE GRAND CODE, WE MIGHT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME WAR PRISONERS...
GOOD GRIEF
WELL,
IF WE ARE LUCKY... I COULD GET USED TO BEING A PRISONER
THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY REASON TO SHOW US MERCY OR GOOD WILL
SO...
BUT WE HAVE BEEN KILLING OUR ENEMIES WITH NO RESERVATIONS,
I WON'T GAIN ANYTHING FROM OVER-THINKING
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY WON'T SIMPLY SLAUGHTER US AS SOON AS WE SURRENDER
FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF THEIR COMMANDER DOES ORDER THEM TO ARREST US, THE SOLDIERS MIGHT SIMPLY IGNORE HIM...

BUT, THIS IS WAR...
YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IT WILL BE THAT SIMPLE, DO YOU?
WE'LL PROCEED WEST AFTER-WARDS
TAKE A SHORT BREAK, SGT. MAJ.
IS THAT ALL, COM-MANDER?
OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO DESTROY THE ENEMY SUPPLIES...
North
Supply wagons in the rear
Reserve corps
Supply wagons previously destroyed
Enemy cavalry battalion
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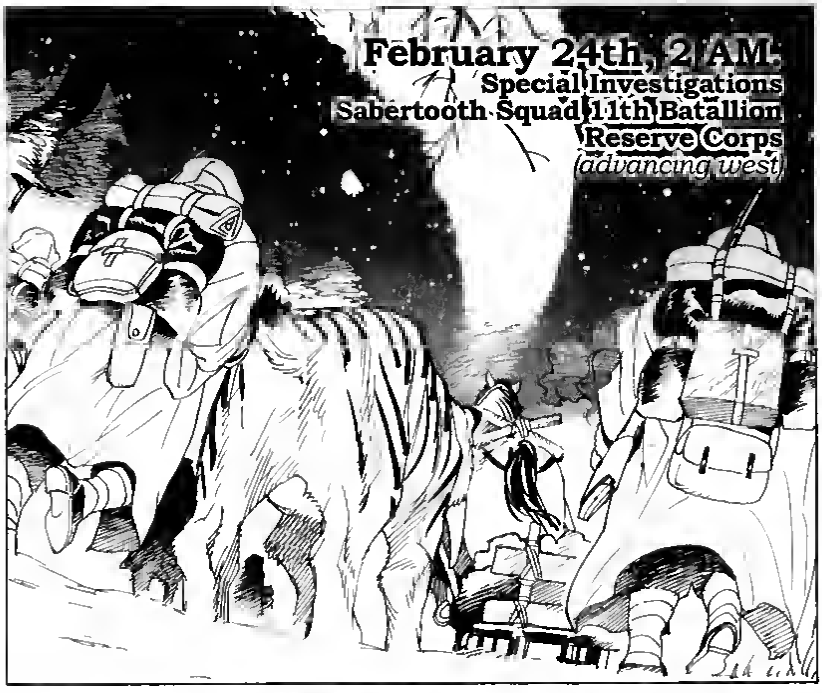
LOCATED IN THE REAR LINES OF THE BATTLEFIELD


February 24th, 2 AM
Special Investigations
Sabertooth Squad, 11th Battalion
Reserve Corps
advancing west

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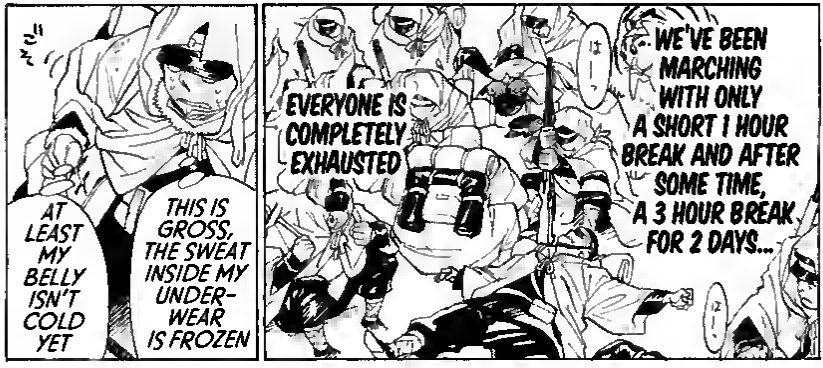
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AT LEAST MY BELLY ISN'T COLD YET
THIS IS GROSS, THE SWEAT INSIDE MY UNDER-WEAR IS FROZEN
EVERYONE IS COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED
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WE'VE BEEN MARCHING WITH ONLY A SHORT 1 HOUR BREAK AND AFTER SOME TIME, A 3 HOUR BREAK FOR 2 DAYS...
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I BELIEVE SOMEWHERE AROUND 60KM
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HOW MUCH DISTANCE HAVE WE BEEN ABLE TO COVER, SERGEANT MAJOR?
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I CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ON THIS MAP, IT'S TOO DARK.
AND I'M ALSO VERY TIRED
I'VE TRUSTED INOGUCHI'S ESTIMATIONS...
DURING OUTDOOR DRILLS HIS MEASUREMENTS ARE SO PRECISE IT'S LIKE INSIDE HIS HEAD THERE IS A MYRIAD OF SURVEYING TOOLS
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RIGHT, PROFESSOR INOGUCHI
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I SEE...
はーっ
FOR A LONG TIME...
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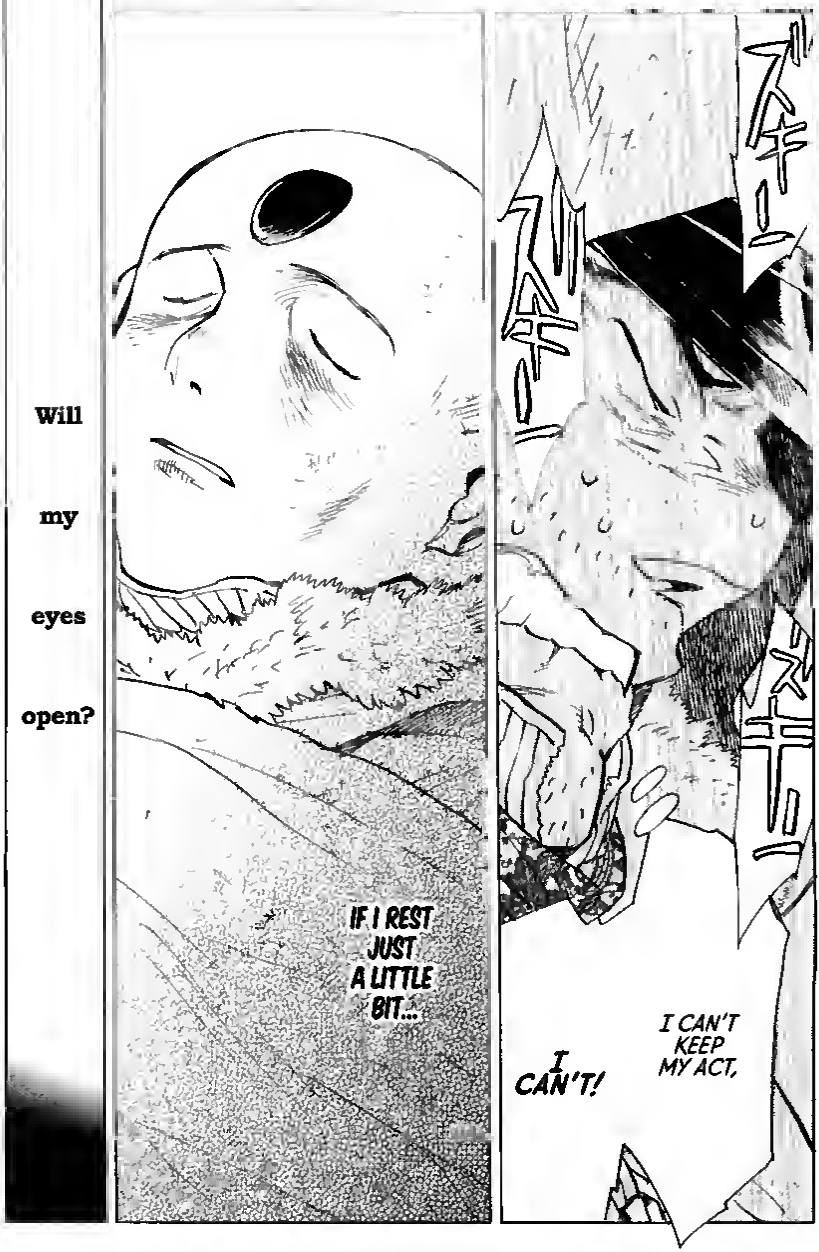
WELL...
DON'T TELL ME THAT INTUITION OF YOURS YOU HAD WHEN I WAS 16 YERS OLD HAS BEEN LOST AND BLUNTED BY TIME
IT WOULD BE TROUBLE-SOME FOR ME IF YOU DID NOT BELIEVE YOUR TEACHER
SHINJO, MY STUDENT...
COM-MAN-DER!
OVER HERE! KANA-MORI IS...
AH HA! HA! HA!

IS HIS CONDITION BAD?
YES, QUITE SO,
WE HAVE MEDICS WITH HIM ALL THE TIME ALSO
KANAMORI
SAID HE HAS SOME INFORMATION HE MUST TELL YOU
Commander...
There are too many enemies...
They are all over the place

I've located...
All of them...
YOU SEEM A BIT EXHAUSTED
I UNDERSTAND, PRIVATE KANAMORI YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR DUTY
HE IS A BIT CONFUSED
I can... a bit... lo..
I'm fine c... commander..

THOSE ARE BRAVE WORDS, KANAMORI, I DEEPLY RESPECT YOUR COURAGE
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I FEEL LIKE MY HEART IS BEING PIERCED
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I'll...
Rest... a while
HE FAINTED
I CAN'T KEEP UP MY ACT...
AS A "CALM, COMPOSED COMMANDER"
THUMP
THUMP


Will my eyes open?
IF I REST JUST A LITTLE BIT...
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T KEEP MY ACT,
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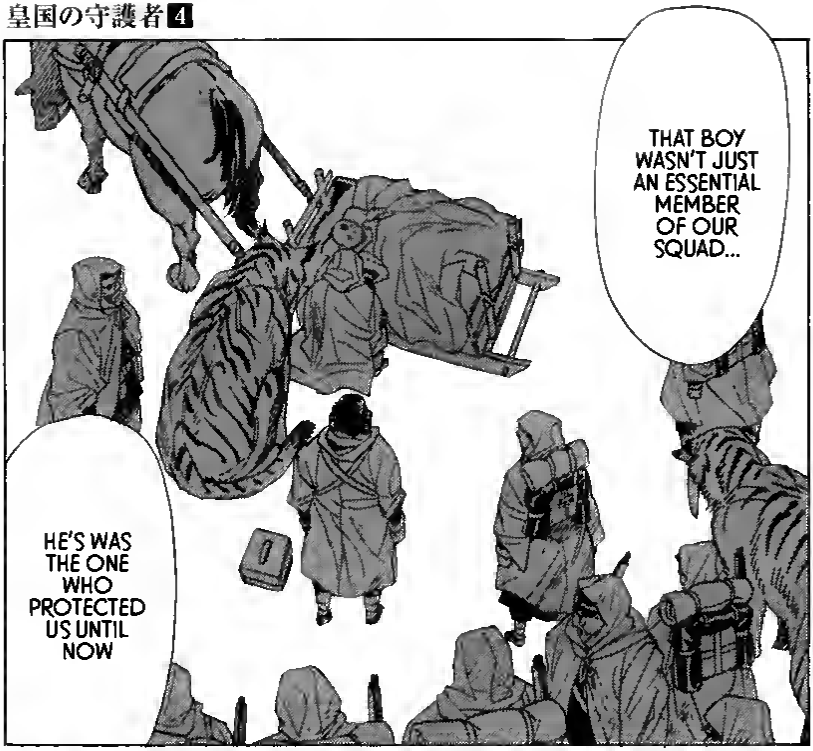
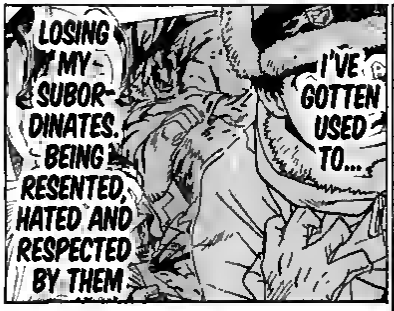
AND PROTECTED ALL OUR CONRADES ...
IF, I.... CAN OPEN MY EYES AGAIN...
PROUD TO HAVE...
FULLFILED OUR DUTY
We're soldiers after all
I AM GLAD I COULD HAVE BEEN OF USE TO MY COMMANDER...

HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO GIVE US AS MUCH KNOWLEDGE AS HE COULD..
DESPITE BEING JUST A KID, HIS BRAVERY IS LIKE A SAMURAI'S.
BUT WILL EVERYONE ELSE BE AS BRAVE AS HIM?
WITHOUT KANAMORI...
WE LOST OUR ONLY DOUJUTSU USER. HOW WILL WE KNOW WHERE OUR ENEMIES ARE NOW?
YEAH, I THINK I SAW SOME TORCHES


THAT BOY WASN'T JUST AN ESSENTIAL MEMBER OF OUR SQUAD...
HE'S WAS THE ONE WHO PROTECTED US UNTIL NOW


LOSING MY SUBORDINATES, BEING RESENTED, HATED AND RESPECTED BY THEM
I'VE GOTTEN USED TO...

BUT NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

"ON THE BATTLEFIELD...
A COMMANDER SHOULD NEVER TRY TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SUBORDINATES'S FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN A CASUALTY OCCURS"

I DO NOT DESERVE TO BE FORGIVEN
HE WAS LIKE A PUPPY... ALL HE WANTED TO DO WAS FOLLOW MY ORDERS AND BE USEFUL...
HOWEVER, I ENDED UP BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH...
HE WAS SO YOUNG...

I DON'T REGRET THIS
BUT...
SHINJO NAOE....
IS THIS TRULY HOW YOU FEEL?
KANAMORI JUN, SECOND CLASS DOUJUTSU SOLDIER, DIED BEFORE DAWN

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皇国の守護者

第三章
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WE HAVE TO SURRENDER.
FEBRUARY 24TH, 5AM.
ONAE FORTIFICATION (FOGGY)
THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE FROM THE START!
EVER SINCE THE RESERVE CORPS LEFT, WE'VE HAD NO BREAKS AT ALL! AND THERE'S ONLY 400 OF US...

THE ENEMY STILL HASN'T APPEARED.
EVEN TODAY, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
FROM THE WEST...
MUST HAVE STOPPED THEM.
THE RESERVE CORPS...
THIS IS THE LAST DAY.
I BEG YOU,
WE'LL ALL KEEP ON TOGETHER.
HOLD ON! JUST A BIT LONGER, HALF A DAY!

REINFORCE-MENTS... THIS MAY BE...
I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM SECOND LIEUTENANT HYOUDO... THE ENEMY TROOPS...
ARE MOBILIZING.. THERE SEEMS TO BE...
REIN-FORCE-MENTS
TOO MUCH FOR US.

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
I HAVE PREPARED A WHITE FLAG!
SECOND LIEUTENANT, SIR!
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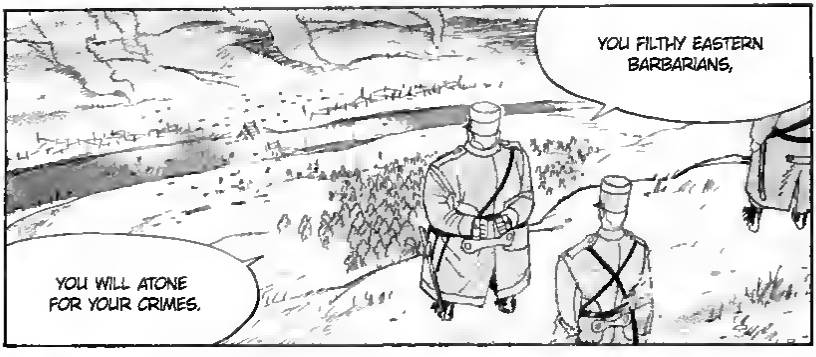
AS IF WE'D ACCEPT YOUR SURRENDER NOW... HOW MANY...
HOW MANY OF US DO YOU THINK YOUVE KILLED?!


YOU FILTHY EASTERN BARBARIANS,
YOU WILL ATONE FOR YOUR CRIMES.

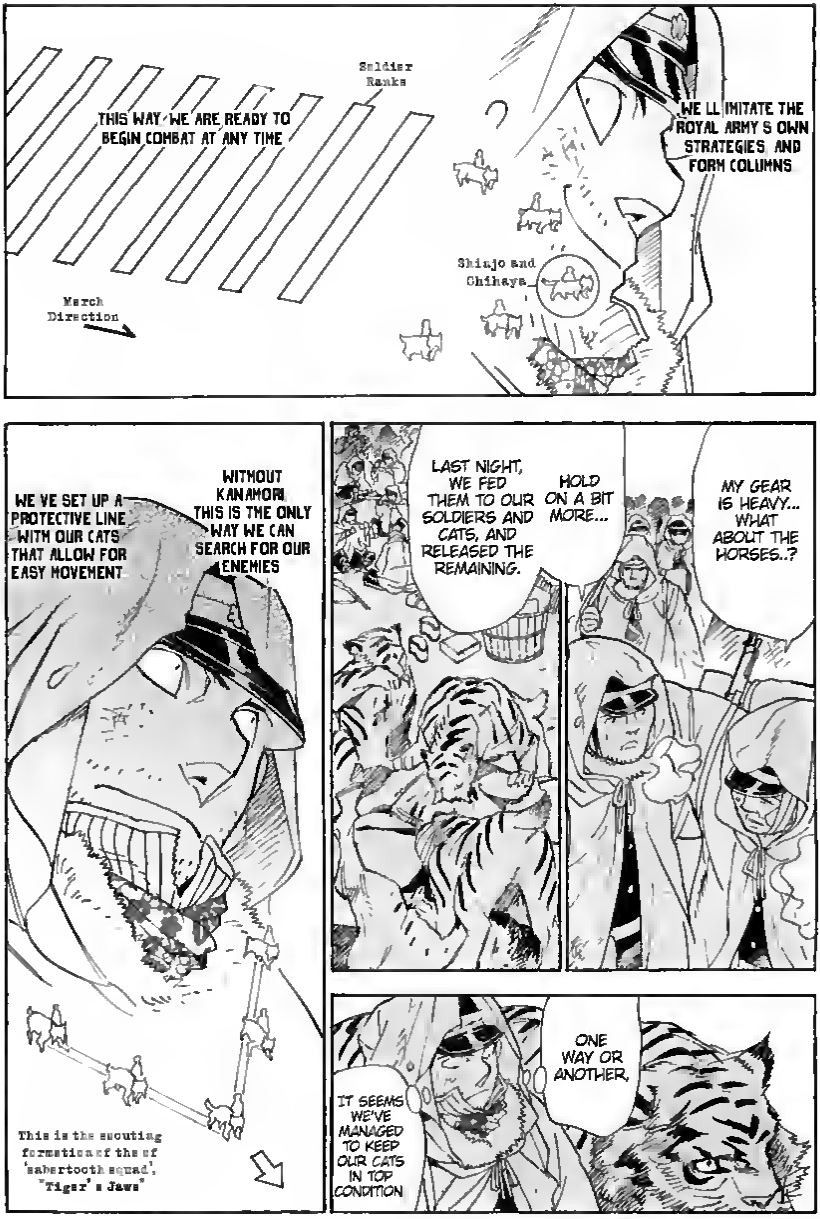
TH-THEY SHOT THE F-FLAG? NO WAY!
IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

ONAE WON'T HOLD MUCH LONGER.
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE QUITE PERSISTENT

COLONEL KAMINSKY'S TROOPS HAVEN'T ARRIVED...
DO YOU THINK IT'S DUE TO THE FOG?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.

IF WE CAN'T STOP THIS SOMEHOW...
ALL MEN, READY YOUR BAYO-NETS.
THEIR SIDE KEEPS GROWING STRONGER WHILE OURS WEAKENS
SHOOT!
EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT WITH THEM...
I WONDER IF...

IT'S HARD TO WALK IN THIS FOG.
MEANWHILE:
RESERVE CORPS, MARCHING WESTWARD
(FOGGY, VISIBILITY BELOW 38M)
EVEN SO, WE CANNOT STOP OUR OFFENSIVE HERE
THEY MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO REACH OUR SOLDIERS IN TIME
IF THE CAVALRY THAT CAME FROM KAMINAE MANAGES TO MERGE WITH THEIR MAIN TROOPS EVEN IN THIS FOG
IF THIS FOG IS COVERING THE ENTIRE RONAN PENINSULA,
THIS IS THE LAST DAY WE NEED TO HOLD OUR ENEMIES.
THEN THERE'S NO WAY THE EVACUATION OF OUR TROOPS WON'T SUCCEED.
SERGEANT MAJOR. PERHAPS THIS FOG IS ACTUALLY HELPING US.


Soldier Ranks
THIS WAY, WE ARE READY TO BEGIN COMBAT AT ANY TIME
March Direction
WE'LL IMITATE THE ROYAL ARMY'S OWN STRATEGIES AND FORM COLUMNS
Shinjo and Chihaya
WE'VE SET UP A PROTECTIVE LINE WITH OUR CATS THAT ALLOW FOR EASY MOVEMENT
WITHOUT KANAMORI THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN SEARCH FOR OUR ENEMIES
This is the scouting formation of the of 'sabertooth squad', "Tiger's Jaws"
LAST NIGHT, WE FED THEM TO OUR SOLDIERS AND CATS, AND RELEASED THE REMAINING.
HOLD ON A BIT MORE...
MY GEAR IS HEAVY... WHAT ABOUT THE HORSES..?
IT SEEMS WE'VE MANAGED TO KEEP OUR CATS IN TOP CONDITION
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,

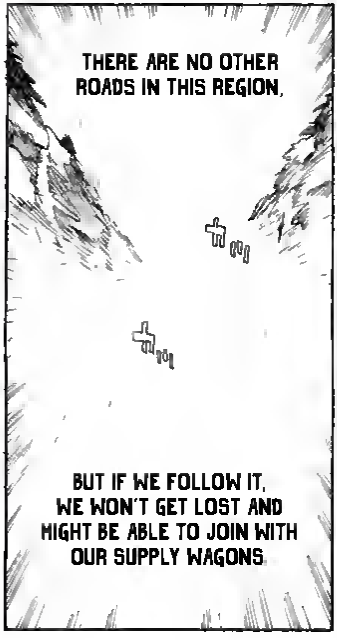
THE SUPPLY LINE WE'RE LOOKING FOR SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THE ONES WE ATTACKED YESTERDAY
THAT CERTAINLY MEANS THEIR GUARD MUST BE CONSIDERABLY STRONGER
WE CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE THEM.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO AVOID THAT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW, I WON'T ACCEPT THIS FATE EASILY.
I DO NOT LIKE THIS...
IT WILL BE A HARD FIGHT, AND HEAVY LOSSES ARE UNAVOIDABLE. NO...
THE POSSIBILITY OF US BEING EXTERMINATED IS HIGH

EVEN IN THIS GLOOMY SITUATION, HE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO CHANGE OUR FATE AND PREVENT OUR SQUAD FROM BEING WIPED OUT
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW STRONG THE ENEMY TROOPS ARE IF THEY'RE FAR AND CAN'T DETECT US.
WE HAVE AN EDGE BY BEING ABLE TO UTILIZE OUR CATS' HEIGHTENED SENSES.
THIS FOG HAS BEEN SENT TO US BY THE GODS
I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN ANY FIGHT THAT HAPPENS IN THIS CONDITION
THAT PERSON
YES, WITH THIS FORMATION, WE WON'T BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE IN THIS FOG
OUR SITUATION IS QUITE HOPELESS.
OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND
EVEN IF I UNDERSTAND HOW HOPELESS OUR SITUATION IS IT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO ACCEPT IT.
ISN'T THAT SO, CHIHAYA?
IN THIS THICK FOG, OUR ENEMIES WILL HAVE NO WAY OF DIRCERNING OUR POSITION, OR ESTIMATING OUR POWER.
BUT, THAT DOESN'T ABSOLUTELY MATTER

WE,
WE'RE HOPING FOR THE BEST WHILE FACING THE WORST.
IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT
HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET!

YOUNG LORD,
THIS THICK FOG IS SLOWING OUR PROGRESS CONSIDERABLY.
OUR SOLDIERS ARE ALSO EXHAUSTED.
I SUGGEST WE TAKE A BREAK, AT LEAST UNTIL THIS FOG CLEARS UP.
NO.
OUR CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRES HASTE.
Supplies from Schwerin
Squadron dispatched to guard the supply line (Barkhorn)
Beast tamers
Cavalry squad transporting supplies (destroyed)
Kaminsky's troops (currently resting)

IF WHAT WE'VE HEARD IS TRUE,
THEN THOSE BASTARDS ARE COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO KEEP MARCHING FORWARD DESPITE THE FOG.
AT OUR CURRENT SPEED WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH OUR TROOPS BEFORE THE ENEMY DOES.


THERE ARE NO OTHER ROADS IN THIS REGION.
BUT IF WE FOLLOW IT, WE WON'T GET LOST AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO JOIN WITH OUR SUPPLY WAGONS.

WE HAVE TO HURRY. HOWEVER.
WE'RE ALREADY PUSHING OUR LIMITS UNDER THIS FOG,
ANY FURTHER THAN THIS AND WE'LL HAVE TO SIMPLY IGNORE ANYONE THAT'S LEFT BEHIND.

YES, YOUNG MASTER?
SERGEANT LOBON,
INFORM THE PLATOON THAT WE WILL BE MARCHING FASTER.
WE WILL ABANDON ANYONE WHO FALLS BEHIND.
IF THOSE SOLDIERS END UP GETTING LOST, THEY SHOULD KEEP FOLLOWING THIS ROAD WESTWARD,
THAT IS ALL.

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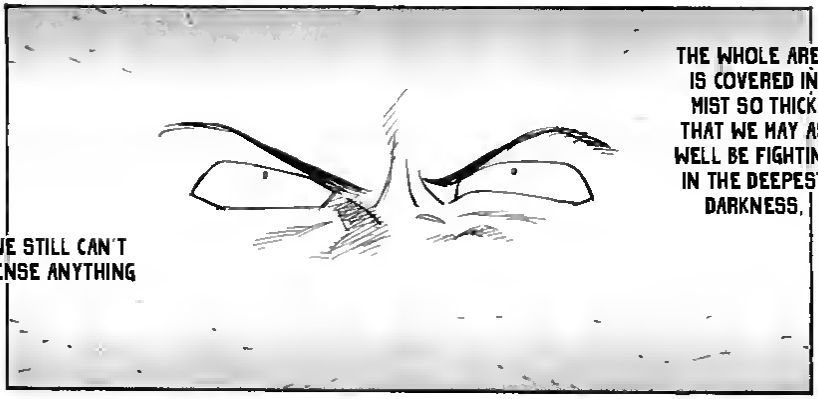
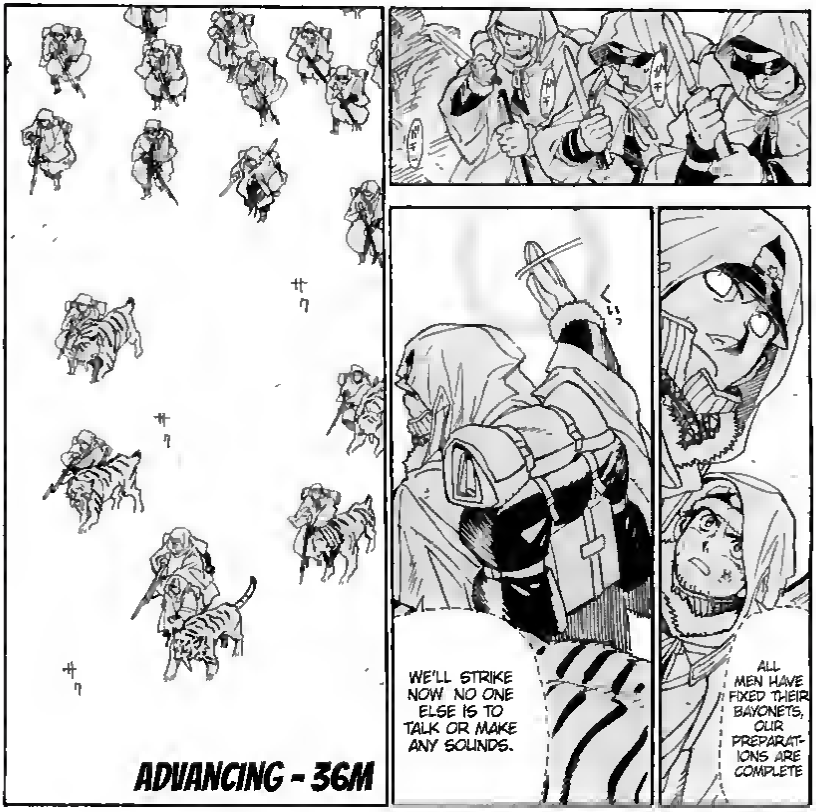
ズシン
THERE'S SOMETHING CLOSE TO US!
WE WILL MEET THE ENEMY AS WE MOVE FORWARD.
SECOND LIEUTENANT,
ALL THE TROOPS ARE TO BE LINED UP INTO SMALLER PLATOONS. THEY MUST FOLLOW BEHIND ME.

ONCE THE TROOPS ARE IN FORMATION, EVERYONE SHOULD READY THEIR BAYONETS. WE WILL ONLY STRIKE WITH OUR SWORDS.
EVERYONE MUST HAVE AMMUNITION, MATCHES, AND FLINTS AT HAND AND BE READY TO USE THEM
IF WE MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY WAGONS, OUR PRIORITY IS TO BURN THEM.
ONCE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE, EVERYONE IS TO WAIT FOR FURTHER ORDERS, MAKING AS LITTLE NOISE AS POSSIBLE.
IF OUR PRIORITY IS TO SET THOSE WAGONS ON FIRE, WHY AREN'T WE READYING OUR TORCHES?
I WANTED TO USE THOSE, BUT I FEAR WE MAY BE DETECTED.
I WON'T TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS AFTER COMING THIS FAR.
WHAT IF WE CANNOT BURN THEIR SUPPLIES?
HOW WILL YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY?

HAVE YOU TRANSMITTED MY ORDERS?
IN THAT CASE, I'LL DECIDE OUR COURSE OF ACTION
THESE TROOPS CAN'T EVEN TAKE AN ORDER
UNLESS EVERYTHING IS CLEAR.
I'LL BE GOING NOW, COMMANDER!
I COULD BE MORE HONEST, BUT THEIR MORALE IS ALREADY QUITE LOW, DON'T YOU SEE?
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THESE ARE YOUR TROOPS
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, MAYBE THIS IS FOR THE BETTER

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SOME TOLERANCE AND SELF CONTROL, BUT EVEN THAT HAS IT'S LIMITS,
I'M GLAD.
BEING A BIT MORE STRICT AND ROUGH WILL MAKE YOUR TROOPS FOLLOW YOU
HIRUSHIBARA SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN A GRIP ON HIMLSELF
I SHOULD DO THE SAME
WELL, NOW THAT OUR MOOD HAS IMPROVED, HOW ABOUT WE GO BACK TO OUR WAR, SERGEANT MAJOR?
I COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING BETTER, COMMANDER.

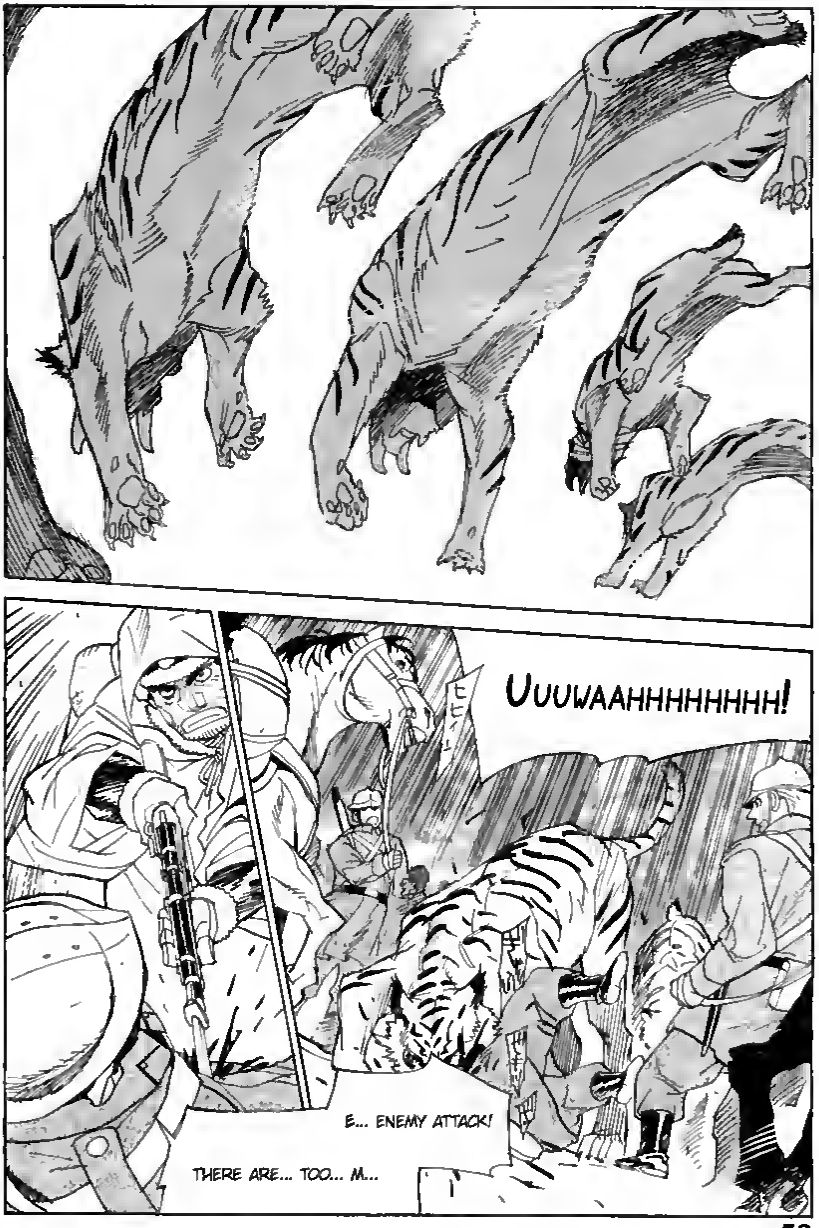

WE STILL CAN'T SENSE ANYTHING
THE WHOLE AREA IS COVERED IN MIST SO THICK THAT WE MAY AS WELL BE FIGHTING IN THE DEEPEST DARKNESS.


ADVANCING - 36M
WE'LL STRIKE NOW NO ONE ELSE IS TO TALK OR MAKE ANY SOUNDS.
ALL MEN HAVE FIXED THEIR BAYONETS, OUR PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE

AM I JUST TOO NERVOUS AND IMAGINING THINGS? NO, THAT CAN'T BE.
CHIHAYA IS ALERT AS WELL
IT'S GETTING FAINTER
THE ENEMY!
HORSES!
THEY'RE CLOSE!
90 METERS!
NO. 35M! EVEN CLOSER!

THIS IS NOT THEIR CAVALRY
THERE ARE SOLDIERS ON FOOT

...IT'S THEIR SUPPLY LINE!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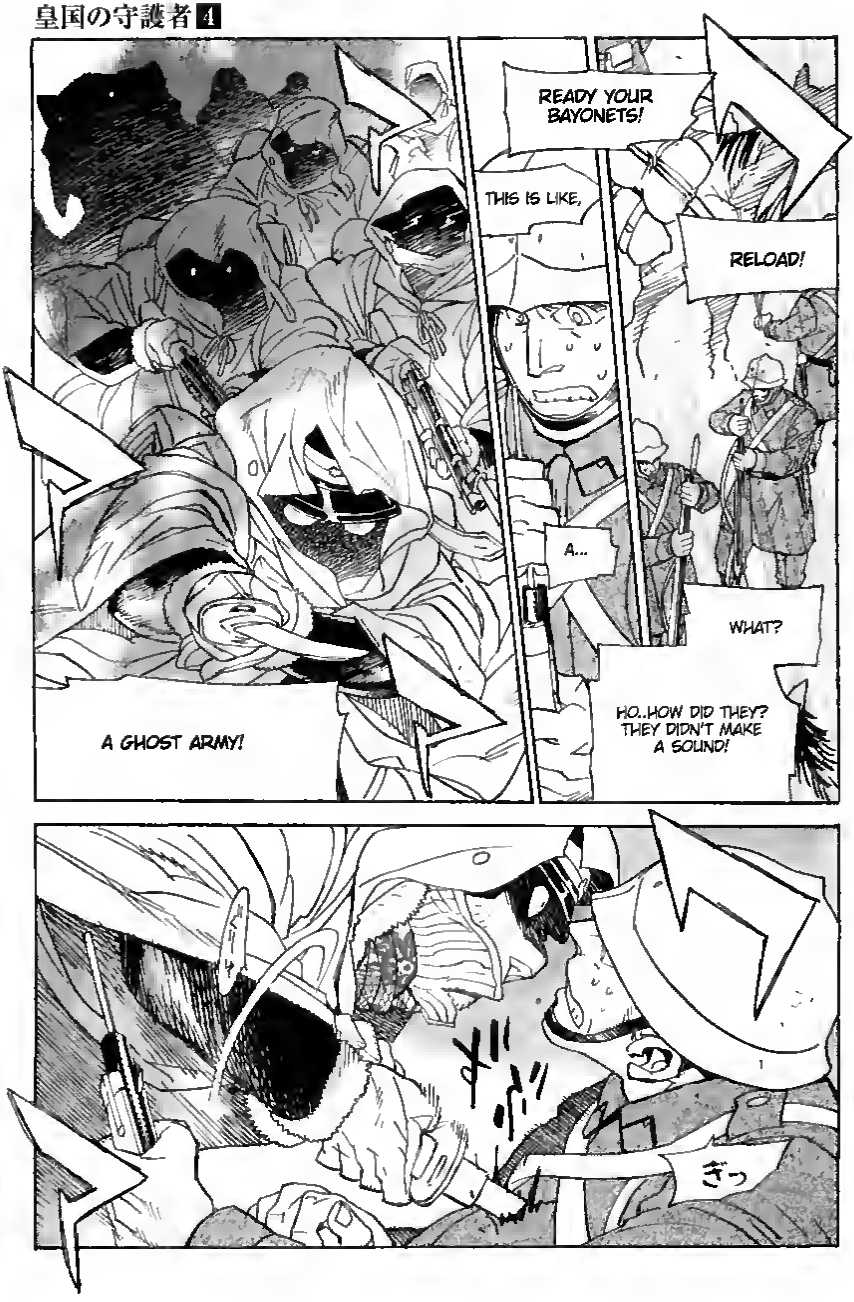
E... ENEMY ATTACK!
THERE ARE... TOO... M...


A GHOST ARMY!
READY YOUR BAYONETS!
THIS IS LIKE,
A...
RELOAD!
WHAT?
HO..HOW DID THEY? THEY DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND!
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IF THIS IS INDEED THE SECOND HALF OF THAT SQUADRON WE DEFEATED EARLIER,
AREN'T WE LUCKY?
HEHH...
AAAAAAHHRGHH!
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AAHH!
WE MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO RUSH BACK TO OUR ALLIES
AAHH...
LOOK QUITE SIMILAR TO THOSE WE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE
THESE TROOPS WE'VE FOUND

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PAY ATTENTION!
KEEP GOING!
OUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE IN THE BACK LINES,

AHHHH!
A KID...
HOW DARE YOU?! BASTARDS!

FOR OUR COMMANDER... FOR MYSELF...
FOR EVERYONE HERE...
FILTHY BARBARIANS...
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE
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THERE'S NO PARDON!

AND NO PIETY.

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I HEAR THE CRIES OF PEOPLE AND HORSES.
BUT IF THEY ARE FIGHTING, WHY CAN'T I HEAR A SINGLE GUNSHOT?

IT'S THE "MUSIC" OF A BATTLEFIED
THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER USED TO CALL THESE SOUNDS, WHEN HE FOUGHT THE NORTHERN SAVAGES.
YOUNG LORD...
SERGEANT,
CAN'T YOU HEAR THEM AS WELL?
HE BELIEVED A BATTLE WAS THE ONLY PLACE MAN COULD FIND TRUE VALUE
THEY ARE FOLLOWING THEIR ORDERS PERFECTLY, MAKING AS LITTLE NOISE AS POSSIBLE
OUR SOLDIERS ARE FIGHTING WELL

IF WE CONTINUE LIKE THIS,
WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAFELY RETREAT ONCE WE'RE DON
WHO ARE THEN DISTRACTED BY THEIR TERROR.
IF SOLDIERS START SHOUTING RIGHT BEFORE A SURPRISE ATTACK THIS STRIKES FEAR INTO THEIR ENEMIES.
ATTACKING IN SILENCE AND USING ONLY BLADES FORGOES THAT ADVANTAGE.
HOWEVER, THIS IS MORE EFFECTIVE. IN THIS FOG, THE ENEMY BECOMES CONFUSED, UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH HOW MANY SOLDIERS ARE ATTACKING THEM.
IT SEEMS OUR ENEMIES ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF FIGHTING WITHOUT MAKING ANY NOISE
THEY HAVE A GREAT, LEVEL HEADED COMMANDER.
THE BEAST TAMERS IN THIS ISLAND.

IN ANY CASE, IT MUST BE A RELATIVELY SMALL SQUAD.
IF THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO BUY TIME FOR THEIR ALLIES, THEN THEY ARE PREPARED TO DIE IF NEEDED.
IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, PEOPLE ARE EVEN MORE LIKELY TO SHOUT
FAIRLY STRONG.
THEIR SOLDIERS, AND THEIR COMMANDER.
THIS SHOWS THEIR RESOLUTION
THEY ARE CALM, AND HAVE THE WILL NEEDED TO KEEP ON FIGHTING.
THIS IS THE STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY WE FACE NOW
WE HAVE AROUND 100 HORSES,
IT LOOKS LIKE HALF OF OUR TROOPS BECAME LOST IN THE FOG.
HOW'RE OUR TROOPS LOOKING?

I AM A BIT WORRIED... HOWEVER, I CANNOT WASTE MY TIME HESITATING
PLATOONS, IN POSITION!
WE'LL MARCH STRAIGHT AHEAD, TOWARDS OUR ENEMIES!
I DOUBT ANY RANGED WEAPONS, WILL BE USEFUL IN THIS THICK FOG
SHOULD I ORDER THEM TO READY THEIR GUNS?

ALL MEN,
DRAW YOUR SWORDS!

CAVALRY, ADVANCE!
FULL SPEED AHEAD, WHERE OUR ENEMY WAITS!
ALL MEN HAVE UNSHEATHED THEIR SWORDS

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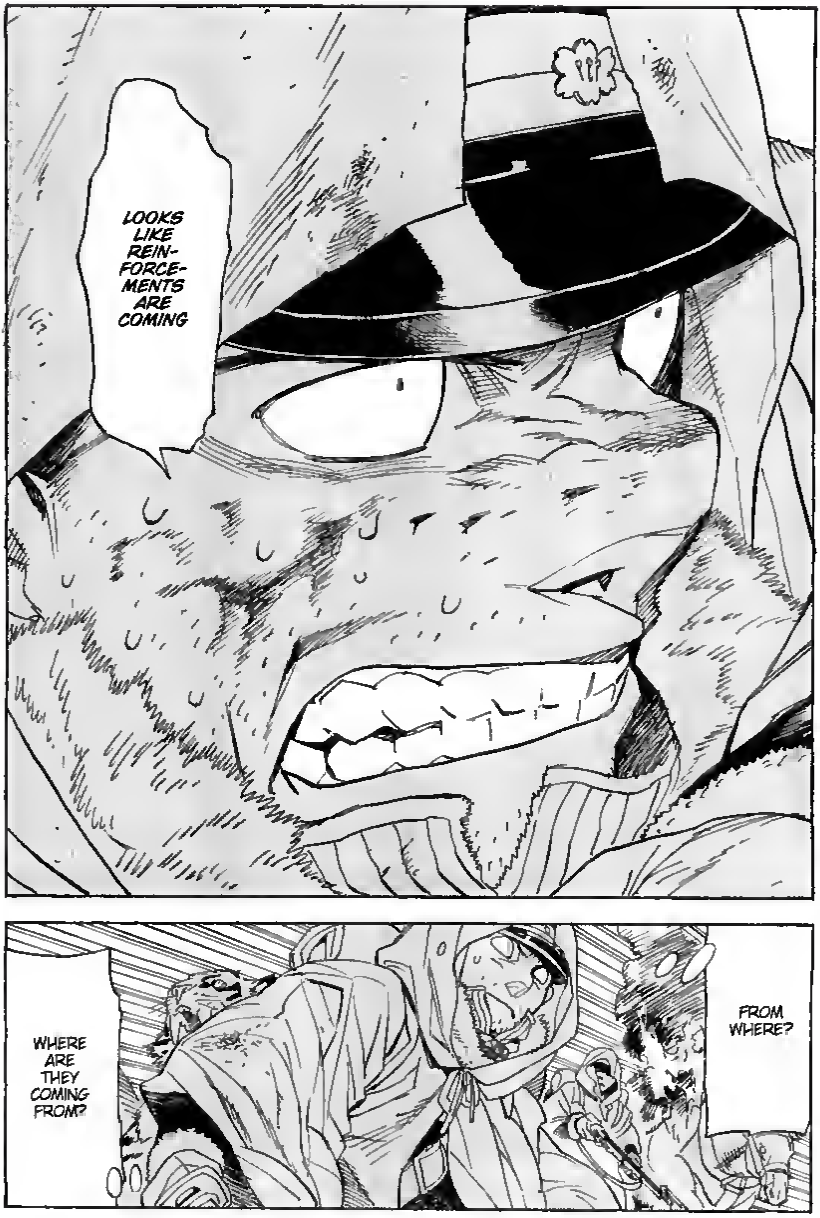
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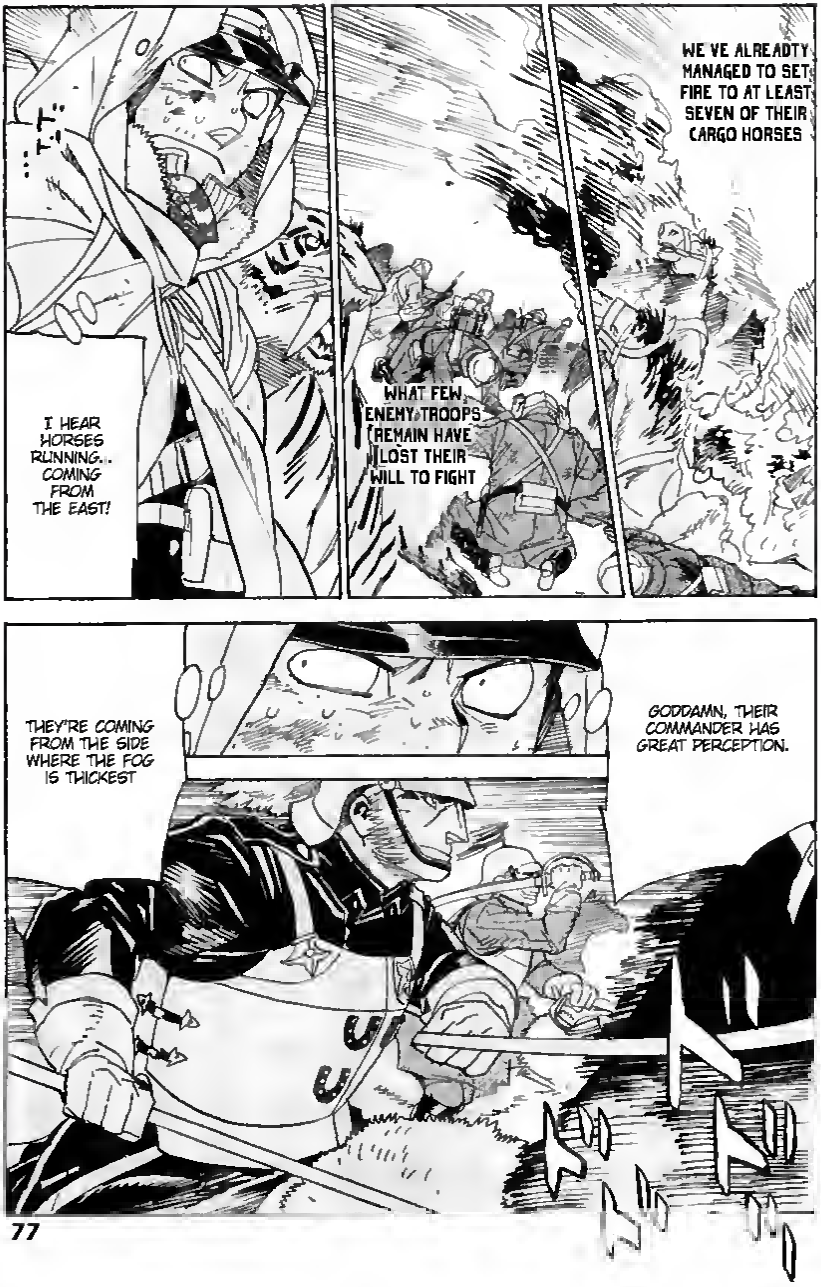
LOOKS LIKE REIN-FORCE-MENTS ARE COMING
WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?
FROM WHERE?


I HEAR HORSES RUNNING... COMING FROM THE EAST!
WHAT FEW ENEMY TROOPS REMAIN HAVE LOST THEIR WILL TO FIGHT
WE'VE ALREADY MANAGED TO SET FIRE TO AT LEAST SEVEN OF THEIR CARGO HORSES
THEY'RE COMING FROM THE SIDE WHERE THE FOG IS THICKEST
GODDAMN, THEIR COMMANDER HAS GREAT PERCEPTION.

DAMN IT!
WE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE WITH MINIMAL LOSSES.
IF THEY HAD TAKEN JUST A LITTLE LONGER TO GET HERE,
NO, THEY'RE TOO CLOSE IT'S POINTLESS TO TRY
SHOULD WE RUN?
DUE TO THE FOG, WE CAN'T JUDGE THE ENEMY SIZE AND EQUIPMENT
THERE'S NO FURTHER NEED TO STAY SILENT. WE CAN TALK NOW
WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY FIND US, MAYBE WE CAN...
AND BESIDES, WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WILL THIS AREA WILL REMAIN FOGGY.
THEY'RE TOO CLOSE.
COMMANDER, I SUGGEST WE WITHDRAW AT ONCE!

11TH BATALLION! GATHER!
AT ONCE!
EVEN IF WE FLEE NOW,
ASSUMING WE ACTUALLY MANAGE TO ESCAPE, IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS THEY WILL LIKELY REACH US AND KILL EVERYONE.
AND SO WE DIE HERE?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKIN...

...THESE SEEM TO BE ALL,
COMMANDER.
EVEN A SINGLE OF THE SOLDIERS THAT HAVE US CORNERED.
WE'VE YET TO SEE,
DESPITE ALL (THIS, IT'S CLEAR WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF WILL TO FIGHT
OUR BODIES ARE BURDENED BY WOUNDS AND BATHED IN BLOOD
WE ARE DIRTY AND EXHAUSTED

THE COMMANDER'S MADNESS HAS RUBBED OFF ON US ALL
EVERYTHING IS LOOKING GREAT.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF.
OUR REMAINING FORCES CONSIST OF 94 MEN AND 3 CATS
CAN'T YOU HEAR? THEY WILL REACH US SOON
BUT OUR ENEMIES HAVE NOT FALLEN BACK.
PERHAPS THIS IS HIS 'MADNESS' THAT SPREAD.
THEY DON'T JUST CLING TO EACH OTHER ALL OF THEM ARE BLINDLY BELIEVING IN SHINJO NAOE
THE SOLDIERS
IT SOUNDS LIKE HEAVY CAVALRY

NOW,
AS HE LOOKS AROUND AND SURVEYS THE SURVIVING SOLDIERS
HIS FACE SHOWS NO MORE EXPRESSION THAN WHEN ONE LOOKS AT THE CLEAR AUTUMN SKY
THIS MAN STANDS AT THE CENTER OF ALL THIS MADNESS

OUR CURRENT SITUATION,
LOOKS LIKE A SMALL TASTE OF HELL ITSELF.
BUT I AM CALM
I FEEL RELAXED, ALMOST AS IF I WAS BACK AT MY HOME-TOWN
MORE-OVER,
WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO COMPLETING OUR MISSION. WE NEED TO HOLD THEM FOR JUST A COUPLE MORE HOURS.
AND NOW WE'RE ALL TOGETHER HE...
COMM-ANDER.

ISN'T IT YOUR DUTY AS AN OFFICER TO LEAD US?
BUT IT'S NOT EXACTLY MY POSITION TO DECIDE THAT.
WELL, I WOULDN'T MIND SURRENDERING
RATHER THAN JUST BECOMING LOST IN HELL,
THAT'S RIGHT, INDEED.
I'D LIKE TO BATTLE AGAINST ITS DEMONS WITH YOU.
SO, HOW ABOUT WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF FUN?
WE'LL GO STRAIGHT TOWARDS HELL, SERGEANT MAJOR!

YOUR ORDERS, COMMANDER!
SPLIT OUT OUR SQUADS AND PREPARE TO FIRE.
YOUR EXPRESSION PERFECTLY CONVEYS YOUR FEELINGS, URUSHIBARA.
IT SEEMS YOU'RE BACK TO WHAT YOU WERE BEFORE ALL THIS.
DO YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND THERE'S NO POINT WASTING YOUR TIME SULKING?
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEN FOR THAT
SQUARE FORM-ATION, SIR?
WELL, IN THAT CASE...
WHAT WILL BECOME OF US IF, AFTER ALL THAT, WE ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED?
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED.
WE'RE FLEEING.

WE'LL BREAK THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE ENEMY CAVALRY, AND RUN FOR IT!
WE ARE RUNNING AWAY!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF THE GREAT WAR CHRONICLES OF THE OLD ERA
WHAT DO YOU THINK? WOULDN'T THAT MAKE A GREAT STORY FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN?
SECOND LIEUTENANT URUSHI-BARA.
THE KIND OF WAR YOU WISHED FOR,
FIGHTING FAIR AND SQUARE, FLAGS FLUTTERING IN THE WIND

COMMANDER, WE'VE FINISHED ALL PREPARATIONS.
THANK YOU, SERGEANT MAJOR.
HERE IT COMES
THE FOG IS GETTING WEAKER
THEY'RE COMING!

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I FEEL STRANGELY CALM, NOT DEFIANT AS I WAS BEFORE
IF THEY'RE ANY GOOD, IT WON'T BE EASY TO SIMPLY RUSH IN AND CAUSE CONFUSION AMONGST THEIR RANKS. THAT SAID, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM
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WE'RE FIRING ONLY ONCE!
AS I THOUGHT, RUSHING TOWARDS US AMIDST ALL THAT FOG MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR THEM

WE'LL THRUST RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR FORMATION!
AFTERWARDS, WE'RE DOING AS I SAID,
ONCE WE BREAK THROUGH, DO NOT ENGAGE IN BATTLE UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
AIM FOR THE HORSES' LEGS,
YOU SHOULD ONLY FIGHT TO PRESERVE YOUR LIFES AND THAT OF YOUR COMRADES.
OUR WEAPONS WON'T DO ANY DAMAGE AGAINST THEIR HEAVY ARMOR.
THAT IS ALL.

YOU'RE FINALLY CORNERED AND DESPERATE, BEAST TAMERS
WITH SO FEW SOLDIERS, YOU HAVE NO CHANCE TO STOP US WITH YOUR GUNS
WE'VE WON
THIS IS OUR VICTORY
CHARGE!

For Ulan!
For...

War
FIRE!

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BUT THE GUNS IN THEIR HANDS MAKES OUR SOLDIERS FORGET THEIR FEAR EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE
OUR OBJECTIVE IS THE ENEMY REAR GUARD!
IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR GUNS AREN'T HAVING MUCH OF AN EFFECT
SIX HORSES DOWN!
FORWARD!
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SABERTOOH SOLDIERS, FOLLOW AFTER ME!
FOOLISH.

THEIR MUSKETEERS ARE
TRYING TO FIGHT AGAINST CAVALRY HEAD ON, WITHOUT EVEN A FORMATION?
THEY'RE ACTING AS IF THEY WERE RIDING HORSES THEMSELVES.
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
NOW THAT WE'VE BEGAN CHARGING, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE DIRECTIONS OR STOP SUDDENLY
WE'LL PURSUIT AND KILL ANYONE THAT MANAGES TO SURVIVE THIS ATTACK.

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HAHAHA!
AHAHAHA AHAHAHA!
AHAHAHA!
OUR ENEMIES ARE RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER AND GETTING HURT!
WILL THIS REALLY WORK?
DO YOUR BEST TO FLANK AND RUN PAST THEM ALL!
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胸甲騎兵
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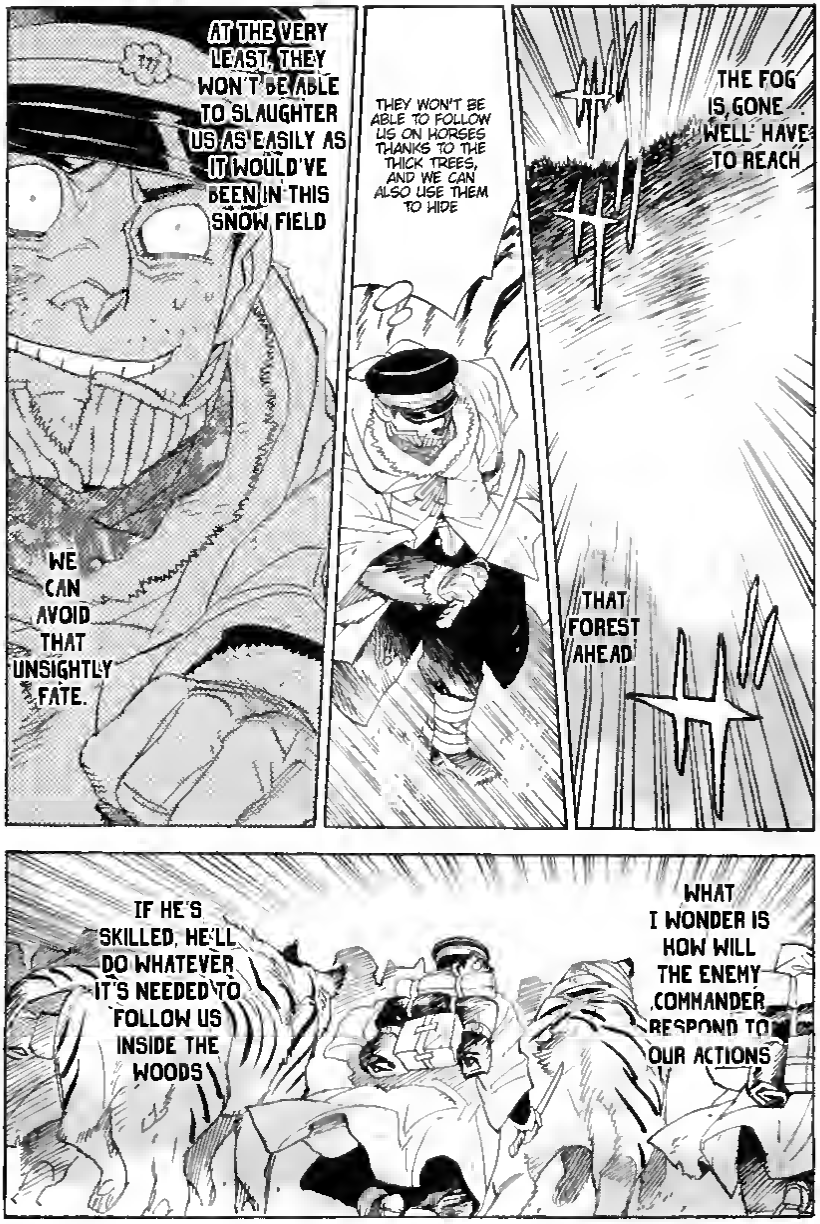
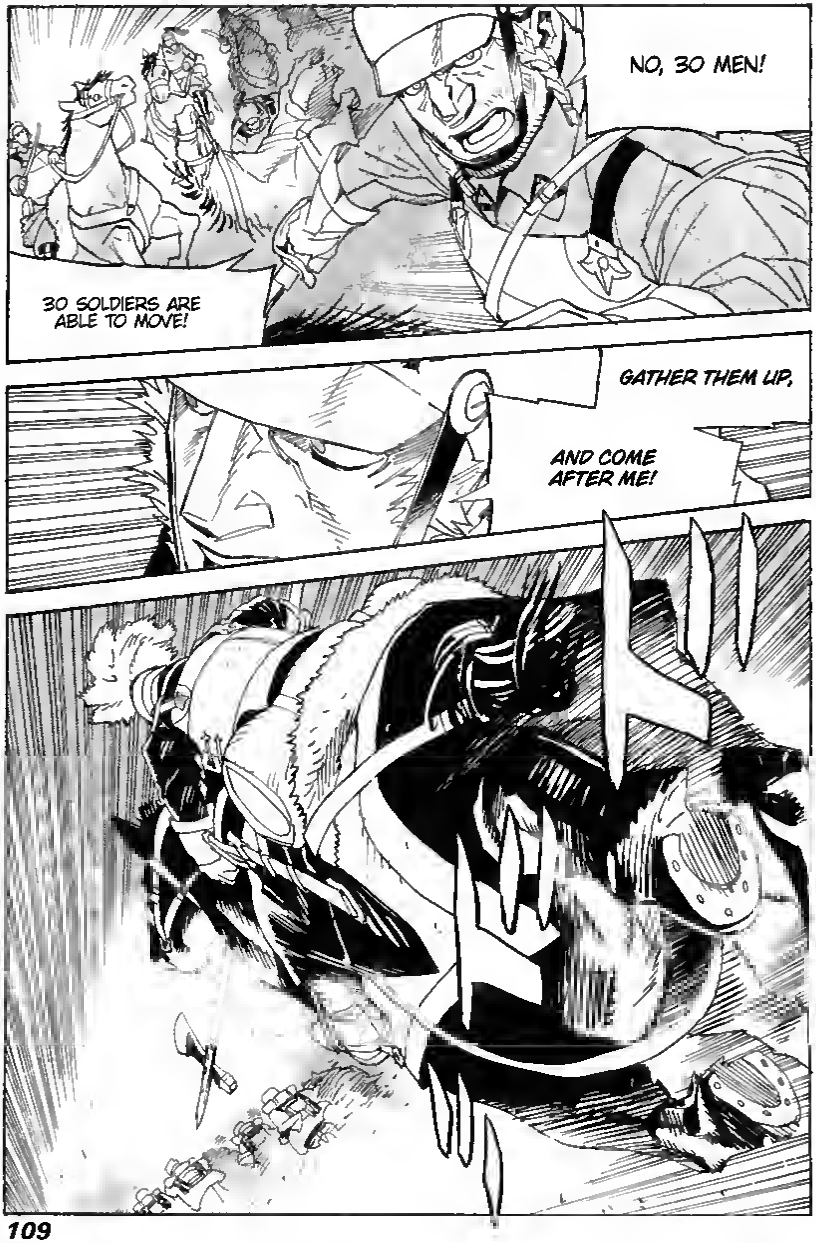

AT THE VERY LEAST, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SLAUGHTER US AS EASILY AS IT WOULD'VE BEEN IN THIS SNOW FIELD
WE CAN AVOID THAT UNSIGHTLY FATE.
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US ON HORSES THANKS TO THE THICK TREES, AND WE CAN ALSO USE THEM TO HIDE
THE FOG IS GONE. WE'LL HAVE TO REACH
THAT FOREST AHEAD
IF HE'S SKILLED, HE'LL DO WHATEVER IT'S NEEDED TO FOLLOW US INSIDE THE WOODS
WHAT I WONDER IS HOW WILL THE ENEMY COMMANDER RESPOND TO OUR ACTIONS

WE'VE FAILED, EH?
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY.
I SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED THAT POSSIBILITY.
THOSE BEASTS' HOWL SCARED MANY OF OUR HORSES.

HALF OF OUR TROOPS HAVE FALLEN IN THE CONFUSION
WE HAD A FEW CASUALITIES, A BIT OVER 20 MEN.
BUT THIS DOESN'T MATTER. WE STILL HAVE,
TO STRIKE.
THERE ARE STILL A FEW EUPHORIC HORSES SCATTERED AROUND
ONE OF THE BIGGEST STRENGHTS OF CAVALRY IS THIS IMPETUS WHEN CHARGING...BUT WE'VE ALMOST LOST DUE TO IT

THEY DIDN'T ATTEMPT TO FIGHT AT ALL.
THEY SIMPLY RUSHED TOWARDS THAT FOREST.
THE ENEMY FLED TO THAT FOREST.
...I CAN'T EVEN FEEL ANGER... I'M RATHER IMPRESSED.
20 SOLDIERS, I BELIEVE
SERGEANT, HOW MANY MEN CAN MOVE?
WE HAVE TO PREPARE OUR NEXT ATTACK
BUT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE IMPRESSED


NO, 30 MEN!
30 SOLDIERS ARE ABLE TO MOVE!
GATHER THEM UP,
AND COME AFTER ME!

Forest
approximately 50 soldiers caught in the confusion (30 casualties)
Shinjo
approximately 30 soldiers
Bark horn
THEY WILL HAVE GO AROUND OUR LEFT SIDE TO CATCH US
SOME OF THEM WERE QUICK TO RECOVER.. 20.. 30 SOLDIERS
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TH-THAT ROAR AGAIN!
TH-THANK YOU, SIR.
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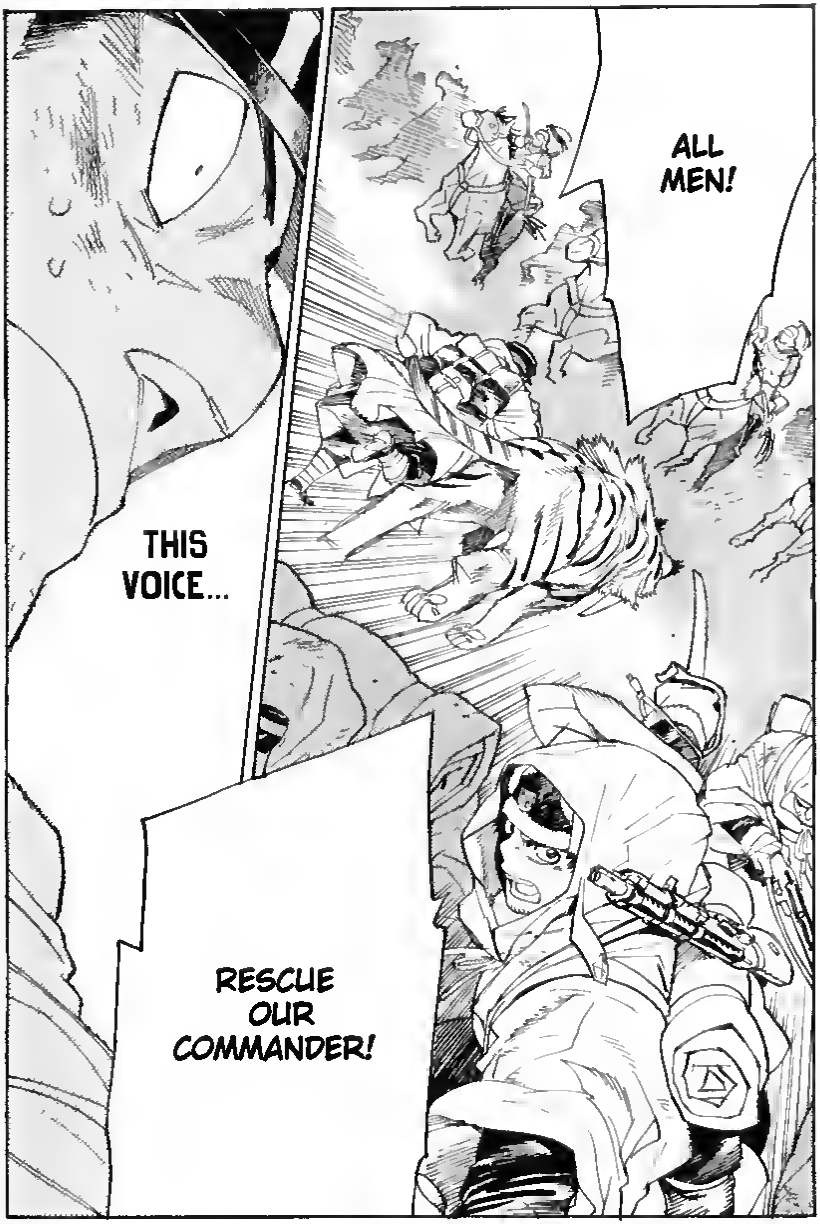
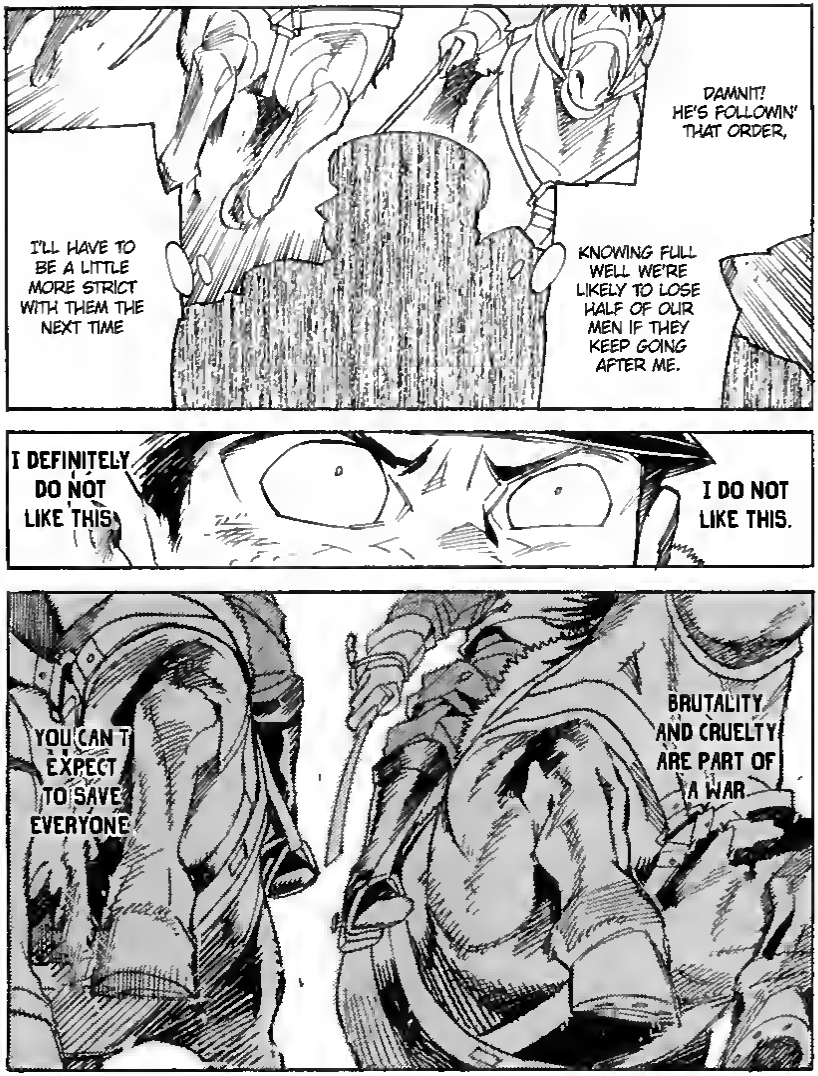
AAHHHHHH!
WE'RE FALLING

THEY'VE LOST JUST FIVE MORE MEN THIS TIME THE ROARING WASN'T SO EFFECTIVE
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
WELL THEN
FOLLOW ME

"..OTHER THAN TO SAVE THE LIFE OF YOUR COMPANIONS."
"DO NOT FIGHT FOR ANY REASON..."
YES...
YOU ARE NOT AN EXCE-PTION TO THAT ORDER!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THOUGHT, COMM-ANDER?
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU.
AND NOW YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE


ALL MEN!
THIS VOICE...
RESCUE OUR COMMANDER!

CHARGE!
IT'S URUSHIBARA!
YOU IDIOT!
YOU'RE HELPLESSLY FOOLISH
IN THAT CASE, WE ALL DIE
IF WE LOSE THAT MEN NOW, WE'LL JUST BECOME COMPLETELY DISORDERED
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
HALF OF US WILL DIE.



They're coming to rescue me?

I HATE,

...THIS WAR!

BEAST TAMERS.
I'LL END THIS.

YOUR WAR ENDS HERE,
BY MY OWN HANDS!

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THIS IS TROUBLESOME
IT'LL TAKE TOO LONG TO DRAW MY SWO...
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DO I SCARE YOU?
YOU...
NEXT,
WHERE'S THE NEXT ONE...
THAT'S ENOUGH, COMMANDER!
Y. .YOUNG LOR..
I CAN JUST IGNORE HIM. NEXT!

KILL!
THERE'S MORE TO KILL!

THE ENEMY HAS RETREATED. THEY ARE REGROUPING NOW.
RIGHT HERE WE HAVE.
AROUND 10 ENEMY BODIES.
AND I BELIEVE WE'VE LOST.
A BIT OVER 20 SOLDIERS.
THIS IS WHAT YOU EXPECT.
LET'S RETREAT
WHEN CAVALRY AND INFANTRY MEET IN COMBAT
INTO THE FOREST.

SHOULD WE FINISH HIM OFF?
WE CAN'T.
HE CAN'T FIGHT ANYMORE.
KILLING HIM WOULD GO AGAINST THE GRAND CODE
IF YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW THE GRAND CODE,
THEN WE MUST CAPTURE HIM.
RIGHT.
IN THAT CASE,
I ORDER YOU TO DO SO.
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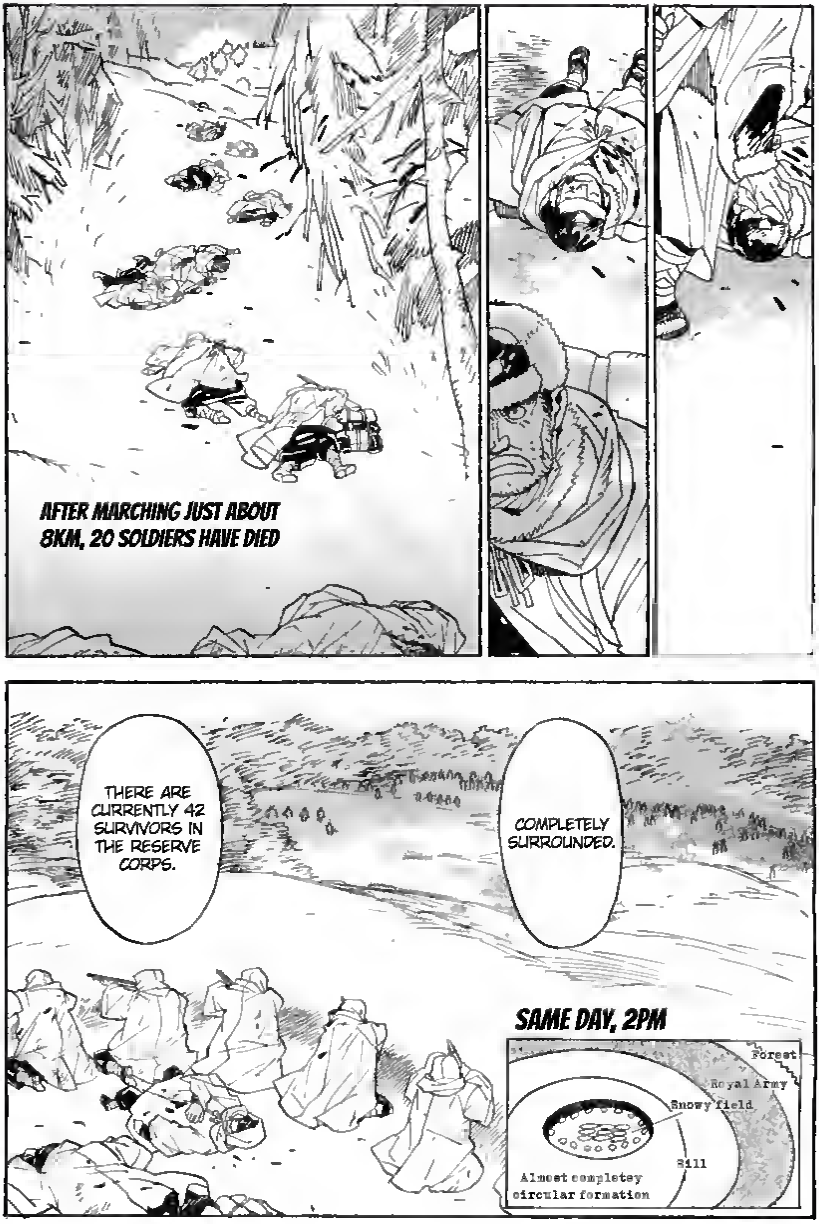
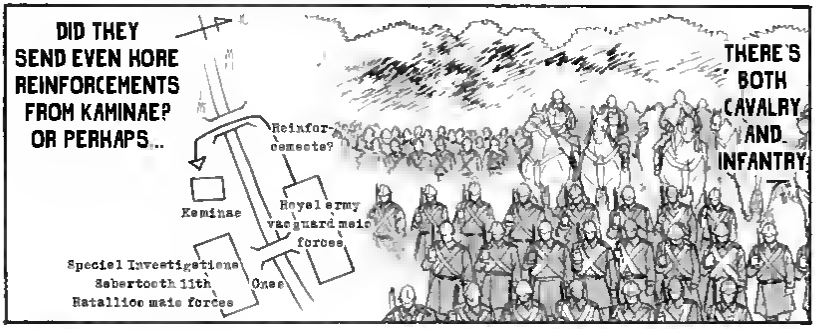
FEBRUARY 24TH, 10AM - IN THE FOREST.
SEVERAL SOLDIERS HEAVILY INJURED.
WHY WON'T HE STOP BLEEDING?
IT'S USELESS, WE CAN'T SAVE HIM.
SHOULD WE ABANDON HIM?
Go ahead
I'll... follow soon.
SHOULD WE ABANDON HIM?!

SECOND LIEUT-ENANT!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM?
DON'T JUST CHATTER AROUND WITHOUT WALKING!
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?


AFTER MARCHING JUST ABOUT 8KM, 20 SOLDIERS HAVE DIED
THERE ARE CURRENTLY 42 SURVIVORS IN THE RESERVE CORPS.
COMPLETELY SURROUNDED.
SAME DAY, 2PM
Forest
Royal Army
Snowy field
Hill
Almost completey circular formation

ALL RIGHT
31 MEN AND 2 CATS ARE IN FIGHTING CONDITION


DID THEY SEND EVEN MORE REINFORCEMENTS FROM KAMINAE? OR PERHAPS...
Reinforcements?
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Royal army vanguard main forces
Special Investigations Sabertooth 11th Battalion main forces
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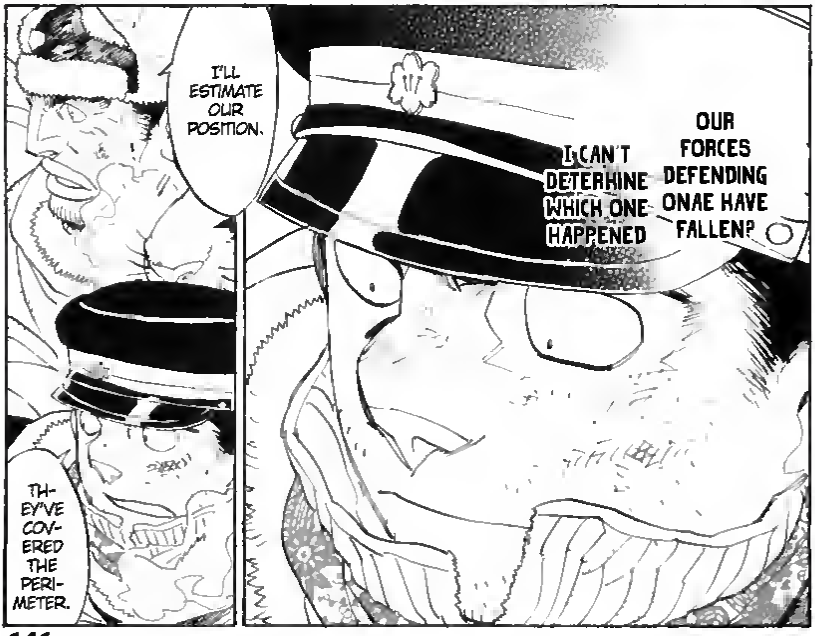
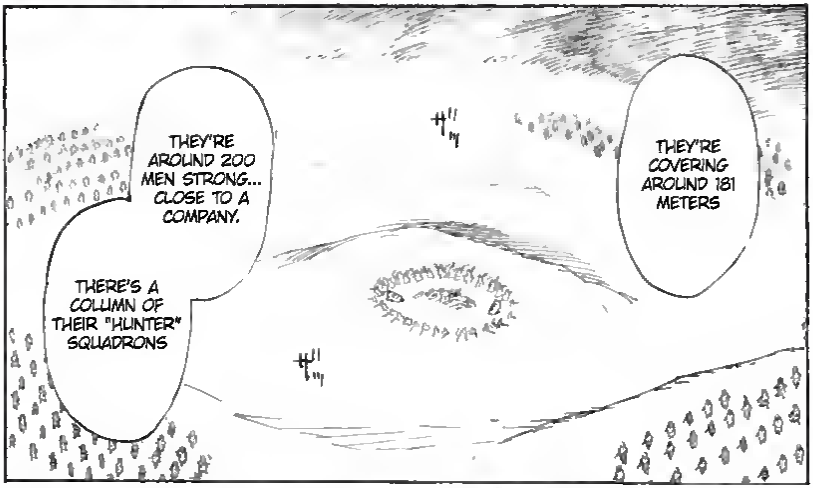
THERE'S BOTH CAVALRY AND INFANTRY


I'LL ESTIMATE OUR POSITION.
TH-EY'VE COV-ERED THE PERI-METER.
I CAN'T DETERMINE WHICH ONE HAPPENED
OUR FORCES DEFENDING ONAE HAVE FALLEN?

I HONESTLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO NOW
WE CANNOT RUN WITH ALL THESE WOUNDED SOLDIERS
ON THE FLIP SIDE, THANKS TO THE FOREST, THEY WON'T BE USING ARTILLERY AGAINST US
DIRT...
OH, THIS FEELS GOOD.
FURTHERMORE, WE JUST NEED TO HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL THIS EVENING.
TO FULFILL MY PROMISE TO SASAJIMA
DONE.


THEY'RE COVERING AROUND 181 METERS
THEY'RE AROUND 200 MEN STRONG... CLOSE TO A COMPANY.
THERE'S A COLUMN OF THEIR "HUNTER" SQUADRONS

32 BULLETS FOR EACH SOLDIER.
HOW MANY BULLETS DO WE HAVE?

THERE ARE FAR MORE SOLDIERS ON THEIR EAST SIDE...
WE HAVE TOO FEW MEN COMPARED TO THEIR NUMBERS,
OUR ACCURACY AND RATE OF FIRE WON'T BE GOOD ENOUGH TO DO IT.

DO YOU PLAN TO LURE THEM?
NO, THAT WILL NOT BE ENOUGH.

WE'LL GO AROUND THEM FROM THE SOUTH, NORTH AND WEST, AND MAKE THEM CONCENTRATE TO THE EAST
ANYHOW, WE NEED TO GATHER ALL THE ENEMIES AND CONFINE THEM AROUND THIS AREA
WE'LL START WITH FIVE VOLLEYS FROM THIS SIDE
THIS WAY WE MAY BE ABLE TO GRIND IT OUT
IF THEY SHOW ANY OPENING WE'LL STRIKE
THEY'LL SUSTAIN SOME DAMAGE BUT BE FORCED TO KEEP MARCHING AT THE SAME PACE. WE HAVE TO SHOOT THEM FROM AT LEAST 90M DISTANCE
THEIR COLUMNS ARE ORDERLY
ALL RIGHT, FIRE AT WILL.

FIRE!
WE HIT 2 OR 3 ENEMIES
ONCE AGAIN, 3 HITS
FIRE!
READY FOR THE NEXT VOLLEY

READY FOR THE NEXT VOLLEY.
WE HIT FIVE OF THEM.
FIRE!
THIS TIME.
READY FOR THE NEXT VOLLEY!
FIRE!
SEVEN
READY FOR THE NEXT VOLLEY.
WE HIT

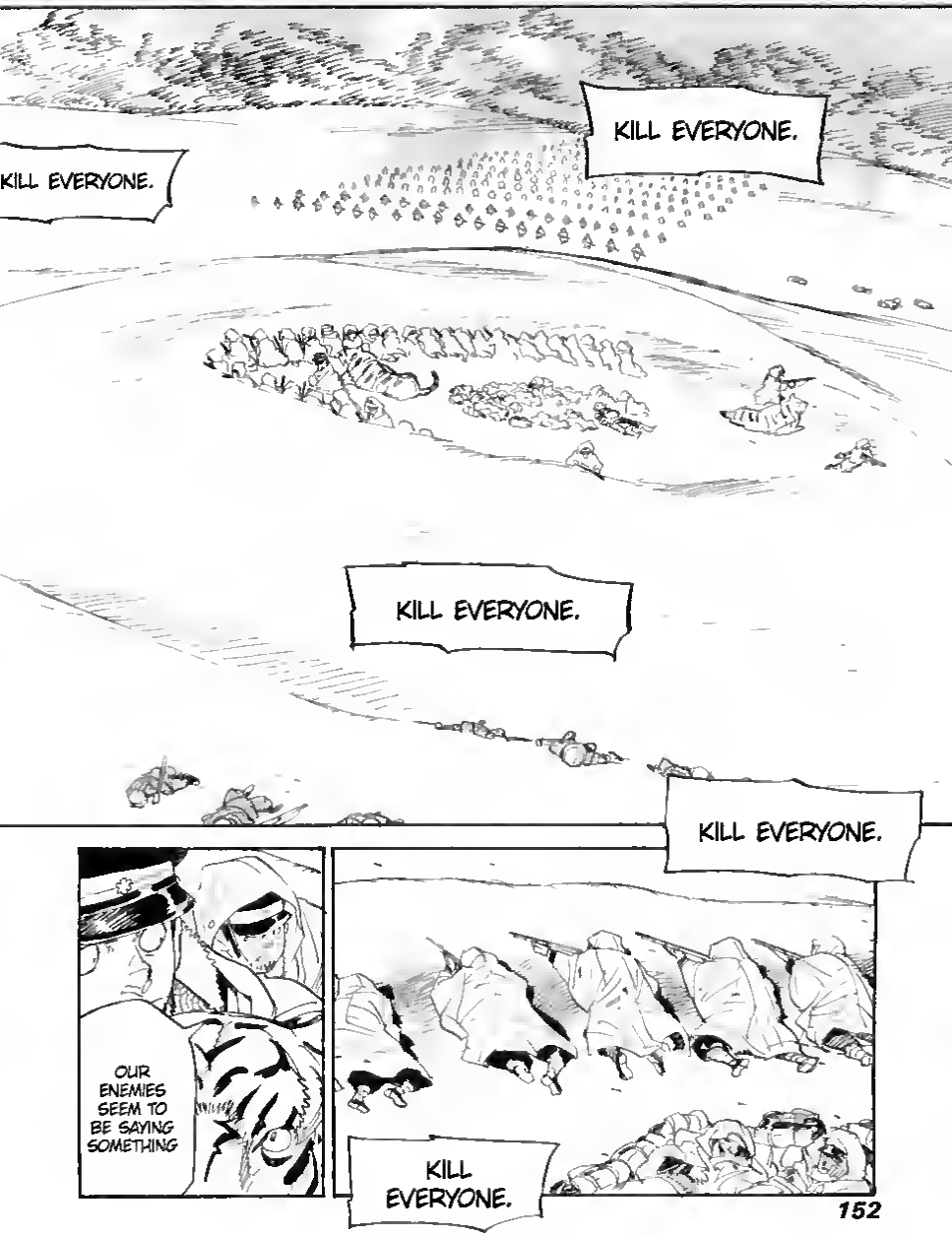
DAMN... STOP! RELOAD YOUR GUNS!
I NEED TO USE MY LEADERSHIP TO AVOID LETTING US FALL IN CONFUSION IN THIS SITUATION
FIRE!
DAMMIT! HOW ARE THEY EVEN KEEPING THEIR SANITY AT THIS POINT?
THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN, AND FACE TOTAL ANNIHILATION...
HAVEN'T YOU KILLED ENOUGH ALREADY?!
THUS FAR WE'VE HIT AT LEAST 17 OF THEM, AND THE ENEMY STOPPED
RELOADING!

NEXT UP IS THEIR WEST SIDE. HURRY UP!
DIST-ANCE IS 110M.
THERE AREN'T MANY
WE'LL SHOOT THREE TIMES.
THAT SAID, IT'S STILL DOUBLE OF WHAT WE HAVE
THEY ARE SHO-OTING FROM THE EAST!
LOWER YOUR HEADS!
FIRE!
READY FOR THE NEXT VOLLEY.
FIRE!

REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU DO, YOU LOT ARE DOOMED TO DIE!
WHY DO YOU KEEP ON KILLING?
AFTER THIS ROUND WE'RE APPROACHING 20 HITS
THIS IS PRETTY CLOSE TO OUR PREVIOUS NUMBER, BUT THIS TIME THERE ARE LESS TARGETS
YOU DAMNED BARBARIANS!
WHY ARE YOU SHOOTING?
WEST SIDE OF THEIR FORMATION STOPPED MOVING! RELO-ADING!

WE'VE DONE ENOUGH TO THEIR WESTERN FLANK! LET'S MOVE FOR NOW.
MORE BULLETS COMING FROM THE EAST!
OUR NEXT TARGET IS NORTH, MOVE OUT!
WE'LL KILL YOU ALL.
A SINGLE VOLLEY SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO MESS WITH THEIR MINDS AS WELL
WE ONLY NEED TO SHOT THEIR NORTH FORMATION ONCE
THEY CERTAINLY HAVE ALREADY SEEN OUR VIOLENT ATTACKS FROM THE WEST AND EAST
WE'LL KILL YOU ALL!

FIRE!
WE'LL KILL YOU ALL!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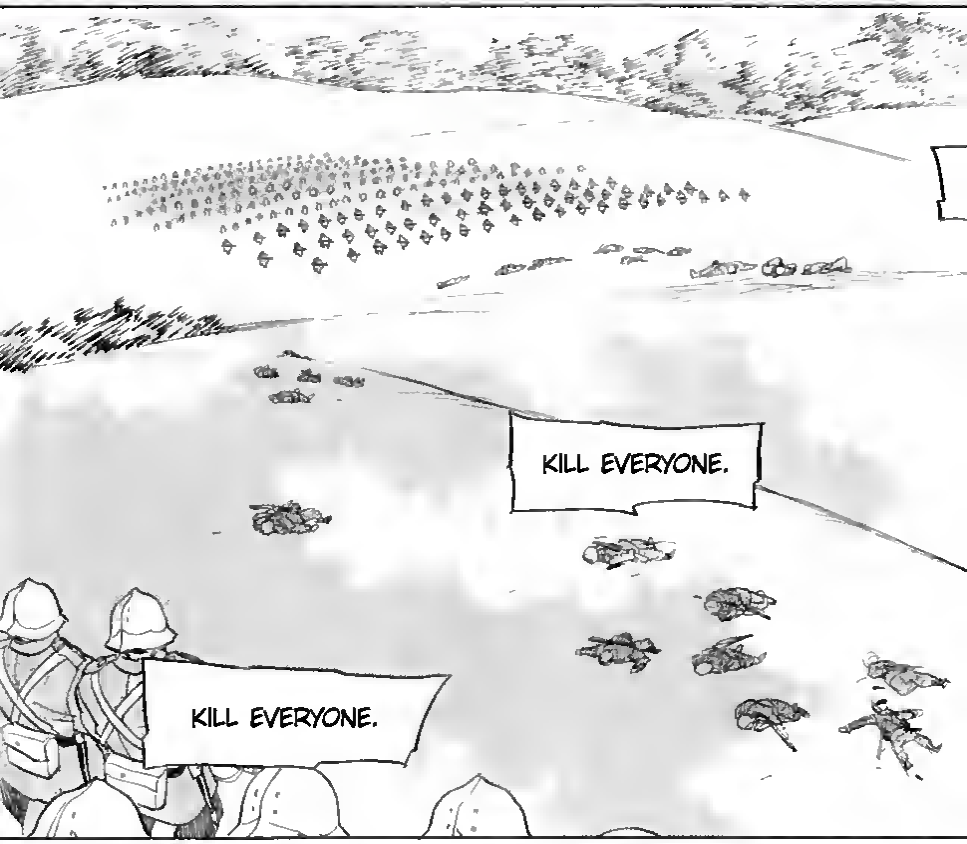
OUR ENEMIES SEEM TO BE SAYING SOMETHING
KILL EVERYONE.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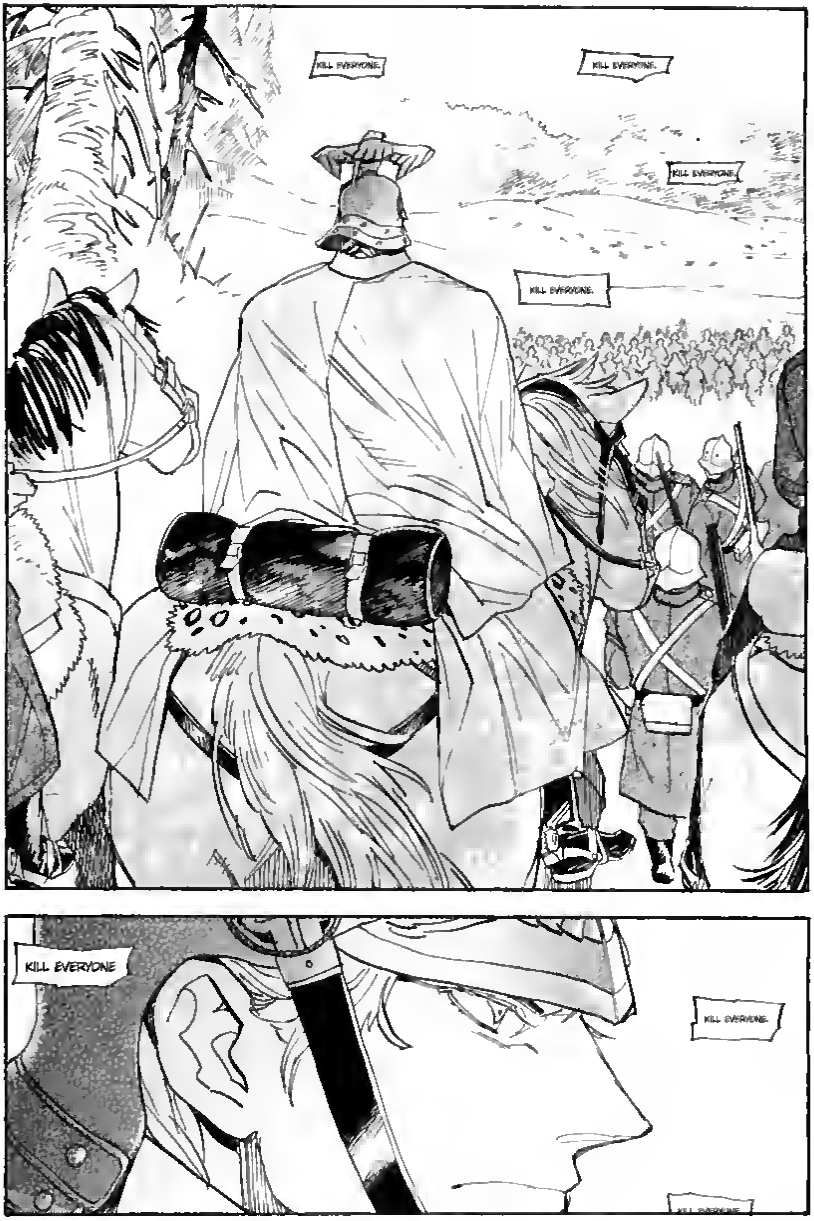
AHHH, DON'T YOU HAVE SOME ROUGH IDEA OF WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?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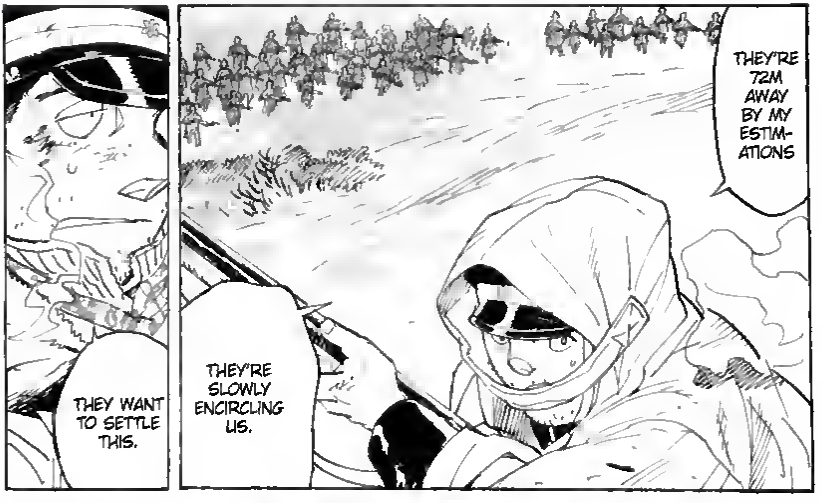
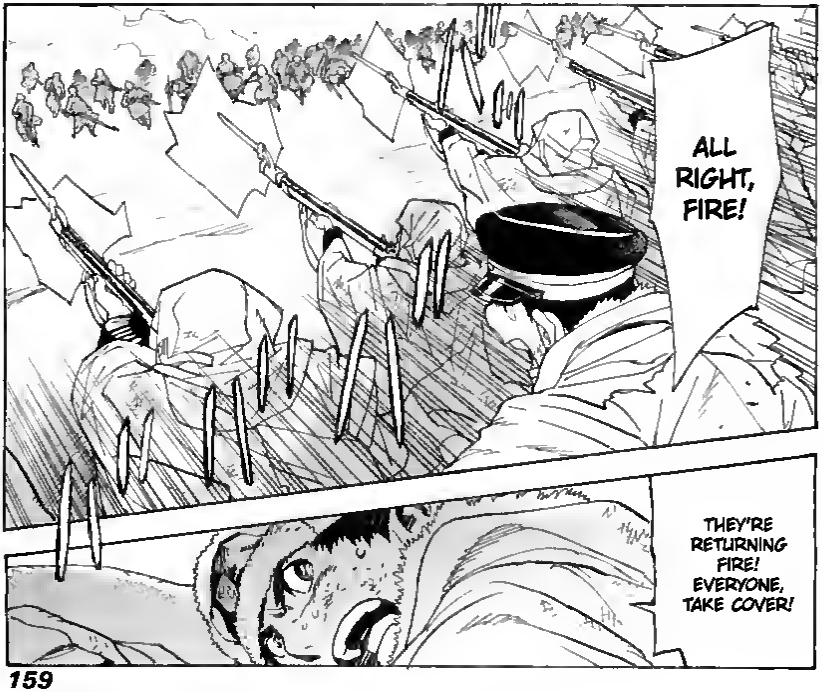
ONCE MORE... AS SOON AS THEY STOOP SHOOTING
FROM THE EAST, WE FOLLOW UP WITH TWO MORE VOLLEYS


THEY'RE 72M AWAY BY MY ESTIM-ATIONS
THEY'RE SLOWLY ENCIRCLING US.
THEY WANT TO SETTLE THIS.

I DIDN T WANT TO SHOOT AGAIN TOO SOON WHILE THEY RE EXPECTING IT
LET'S GET READY TO ATTACK THE SOUTH.
HIDE IN THE MOAT RIGHT AFTER SHOOTING
THIS TIME THEY MAY NOT EVEN FLICH.

READY YOUR SWORDS WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.

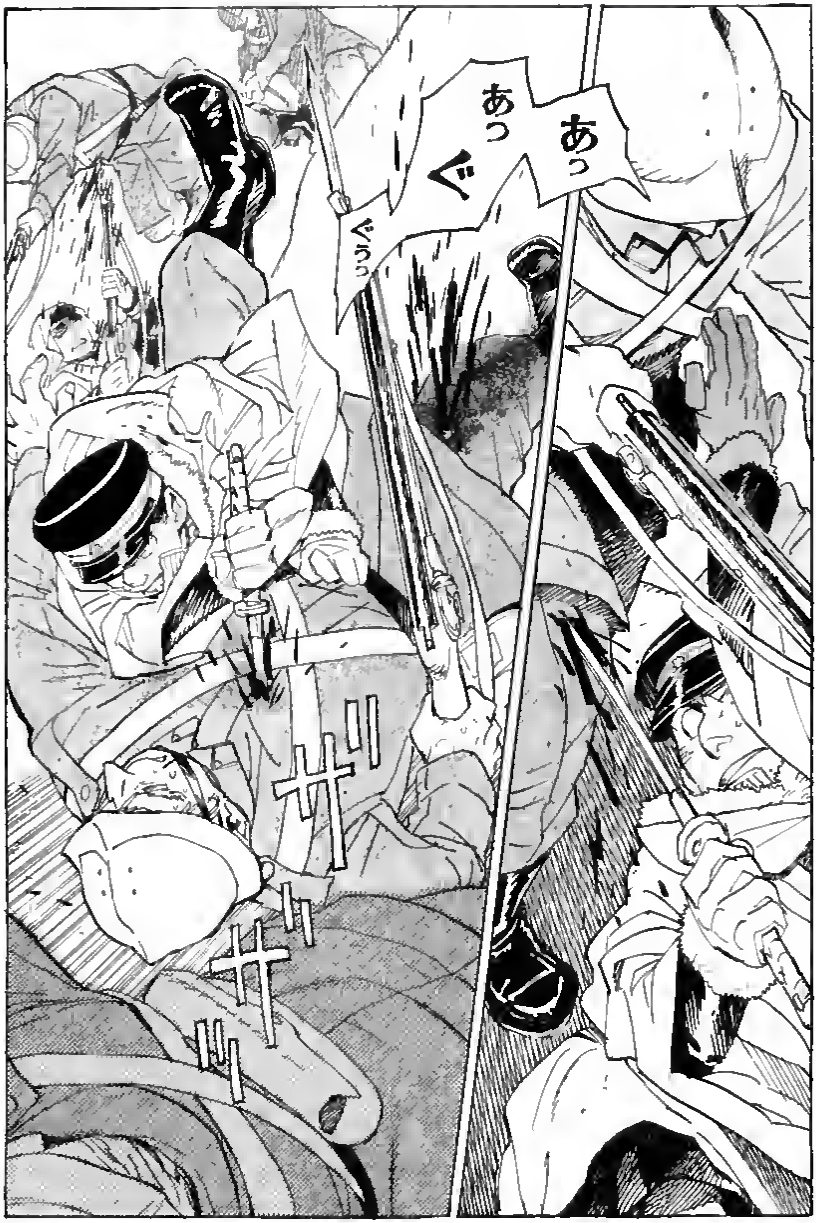
AND KILL THEM TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
MAKE SURE TO KEEP THIS STANCE,
GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES AND LINE UP YOUR WEAPONS DIAGONALLY, LIKE THE SPEARMEN OF PAST ERAS
UNDERSTOOD? MAKE SURE TO HIDE IMMEDIATELLY


ALL RIGHT, FIRE!
THEY'RE RETURNING FIRE! EVERYONE, TAKE COVER!

THEY'RE SHOOTING FROM ALL SIDES! IT'S CLOSE
COME HERE.
AS I THOUGHT THEY'RE PLANNING TO CLOSE IN FOR MELEE COMBAT
NO, I HAVEN'T HEARD A SINGLE SHOT FROM THE SOUTH
CHIHAYA.

UOOHHHHH
ATTACK!
OHHHHH

UAHHHHH
AAHH
SECOND WAVE INCOMING!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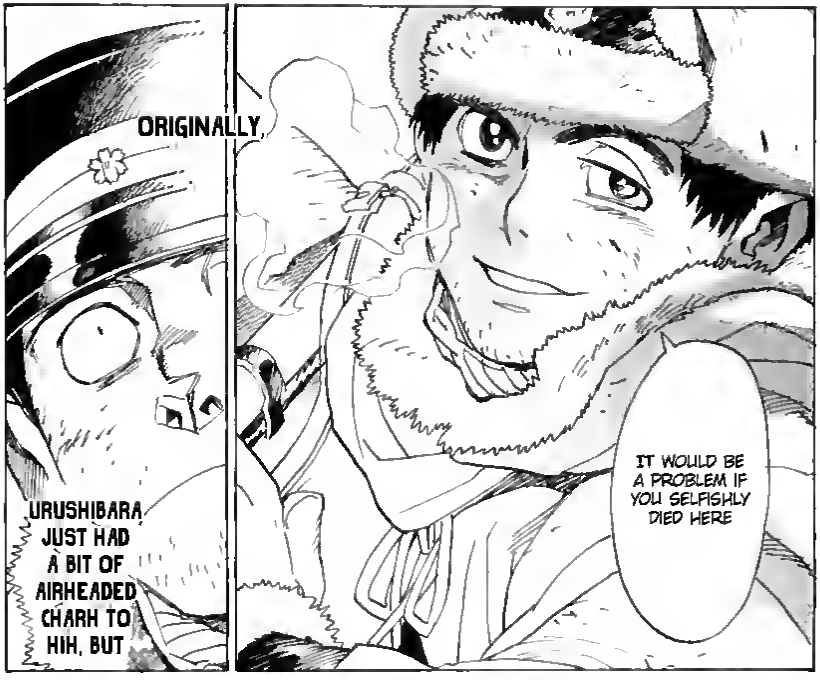
UAHHHHHH
UGGUHHHHH
ENEMIES ARE FLEEING ON THE SOUTH SIDE
ENEMY COLUMN APPROACHING FROM THE EAST!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO RELOAD.

WAHHHH
OHHHHHH
AAAAAAAAAHH

GYAHH
UGH...
E..ENEMY...
RETREATING.

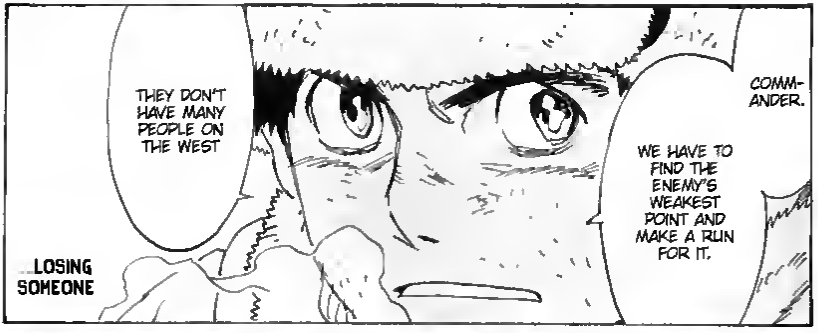
INCLUDING THOSE HEAVILY WOUNDED,
WE HAVE AROUND 20 SOLDIERS LEFT.
AT LAST, WE'RE DONE...
WE CAN DO THIS ONE MORE TIME
SERGEANT MAJOR, YOU DON'T NEED TO PARTICIPATE
WE NEED SOME-ONE TO COOR-DINATE THINGS,
ONCE THIS LAST FIGHT IS OVER.
TAKE ALL THE WOUNDED AND SURRENDER AT ONCE.

DO YOU STILL HAVE A WHITE FLAG TO SURRENDER?
I DO BUT...
YOU'RE TALKING AS IF YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GOING TO DIE.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO SELFISH, COMMANDER?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS MY RIGHT AS OUR COMMANDER.
YOUR JOB IS JUST TO WIPE THEIR ASSES OFF ONCE THIS IS DONE
WELL, IT'S JUST...
I DON'T LIKE THAT EITHER.
DON'T GO OFF TALKING ABOUT DYING AS IF THAT'S NOTHING.

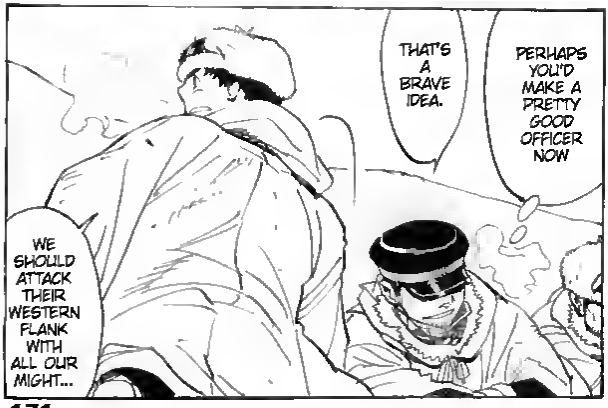

ORIGINALLY,
URUSHIBARA JUST HAD A BIT OF AIRHEADED CHARM TO HIM, BUT
IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF YOU SELFISHLY DIED HERE

IF YOU WANT TO SURRENDER, LET'S AT LEAST TRY TO BREAK THIS SIEGE
IT SEEMS THAT NOW HE HAS LEGITIMATELY LEARNED HOW TO JOKE AROUND

KEEPING IT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE IS LIKELY FOR THE BEST. WE HAVE TO JUST KILL AS MANY AS WE CAN HERE.
WE'LL JUST BE MASSACRATED.
WE CAN'T JUST RECKLESSLY ATTACK IN OUR CURRENT SITUATION.
OUR CURRENT SITUATION IS BEYOND THE POINT WHERE PLANNING AND TACTICS CAN HELP


THEY DON'T HAVE MANY PEOPLE ON THE WEST
COMMANDER.
WE HAVE TO FIND THE ENEMY'S WEAKEST POINT AND MAKE A RUN FOR IT.
...LOSING SOMEONE

AGAIN AND AGAIN
IN AN ENDLESS CIRCLE


WE SHOULD ATTACK THEIR WESTERN FLANK WITH ALL OUR MIGHT...
THAT'S A BRAVE IDEA.
PERHAPS YOU'D MAKE A PRETTY GOOD OFFICER NOW

URUSHIBARA IS BACK ON HIS FEET
YOU'VE IMPROVED A BIT, HAVEN'T YOU?

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ドバッ

THIS IS THE END
BUT I REFUSE TO STAND STILL AND LET IT END LIKE THIS
IT'S USELESS
MEDIC! MEDIC! HURRY UP!
IT'S FINE...
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
...?
I'M NOT LIKE YOU...
ガン

WIPED OUT
GAAG
HAAA
HAAAA
WIPED OUT.
WIPED OUT
HAAHH

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT'S THIS DISCOMFORT?
AT THIS RATE IT WILL BE TOO DARK FO...
THE SUNLIGHT IS FADING, IT'LL SOON BECOME NIGHT

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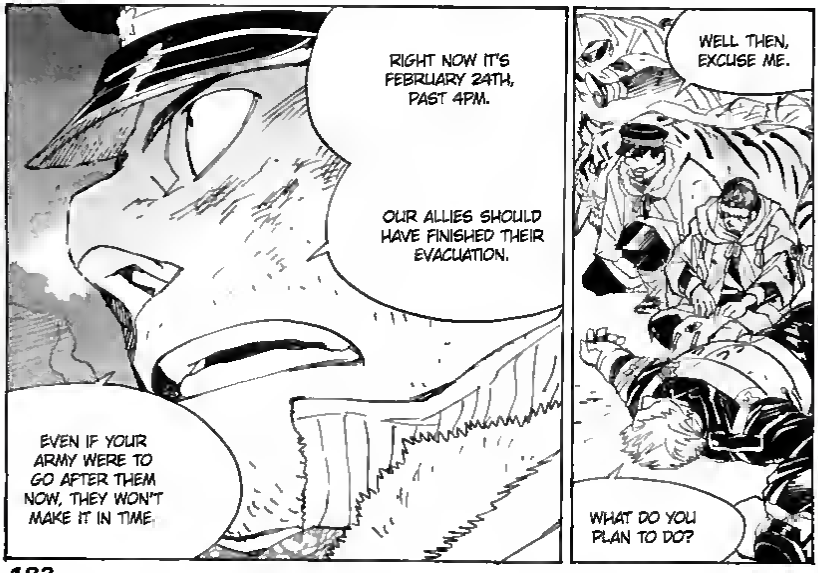
HAVE YOU FINALLY...
DECIDED TO KILL ME?

I'M SORRY, BUT THAT HASN'T BEEN DECIDED.
EVEN THOUGH I'M FROM THE EMPIRE, WHY WON'T YOU KILL ME?
DO YOU LACK THE GUTS TO DO IT?
I WON'T KILL YOU.
WHY?

FOR BOTH YOU AND ME,
THIS IS WHERE THIS WAR ENDS.
AND BESIDES, I DO NOT INTEND TO GO AGAINST THE GRAND CODE AND KILL A PRISONER.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
I'M EXTREMELY SORRY FOR THAT.
I APOLOGIZE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
THIS MAY SOUND LIKE TYPICAL MILITARY HYPOCRISY, BUT "I RESPECT THE WAY YOU BRAVELY FOUGHT".
YOUR BLEEDING IS QUITE SEVERE.
THE WAY I WAS CARRIED WAS QUITE ROUGHT...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE PLANNING TO KILL ME.

I'LL HAVE OUR MEDICS CHECK YOU ONCE AGAIN
IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.

IF HE RESTS FOR TWO MONTHS OR SO, HE SHOULD RECOVER
THE BLEEDING HAS ALREADY STOPPED


RIGHT NOW IT'S FEBRUARY 24TH, PAST 4PM.
OUR ALLIES SHOULD HAVE FINISHED THEIR EVACUATION.
EVEN IF YOUR ARMY WERE TO GO AFTER THEM NOW, THEY WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME.
WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?

WE ARE DIRTY AND EXHAUSTED
OUR BODIES ARE BURDENED BY WOUNDS AND BATHED IN BLOOD
DESPITE ALL THIS, IT'S CLEAR WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF WILL TO FIGHT
URUSHIBARA SURVIVED, HEH
ALL RIGHT, SOLDIERS! BEGIN THE OPERATION AT ONCE!
HIS HEALTH HAS CLEARLY GOTTEN WORSE
MY MISSION AND THAT OF MY SUBORDINATES,
YES!
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO FOLLOW THEM WITHOUT HE
RESCUE THE COMMANDER!
HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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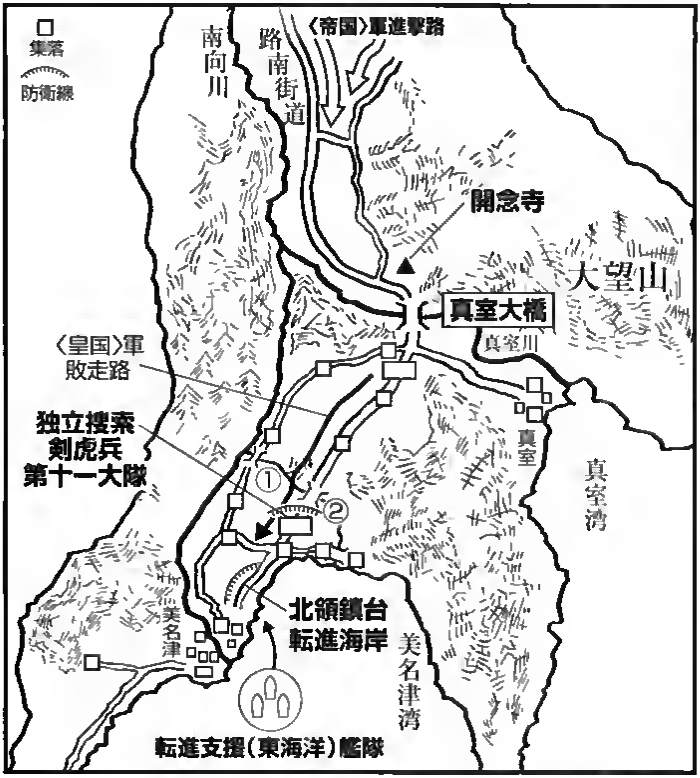
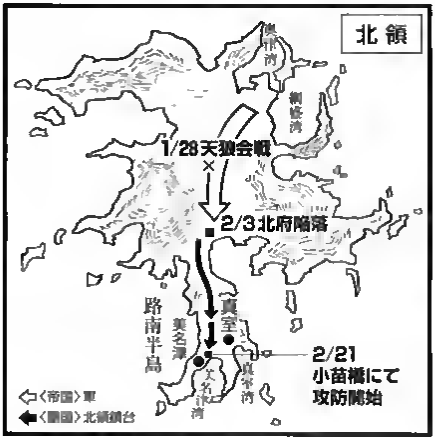




〈皇紀五百六十八年〉……

二月二十三日：◆小苗橋より西方十五里(①)

・午後第三刻　新城率いる予備隊、〈帝国〉最前面段列を発見。伏撃し、これを殲滅。前面三十八名。戦闘可能人員数百四十名＋剣牙虎四頭。しかし、殲滅したのは迂回部隊（カミンスキィ）の手持ちの小規模な輜重であり、標的であった輜重（後方から送られた追加物資）でなかった事が判明。

・午後第三刻半　迂回部隊（カミンスキィ）を脇から通り過ぎ、標的の輜重を叩くべく、さらに西進。これにより、前退には絶対に間に合わない絶望的な状況に。

◆小苗橋より西方二十里

・午後第五刻　〈帝国〉軍第三東方辺境領胸甲騎兵聯隊・第一大隊（指揮官 カミンスキィ）、行軍停止中。そこへ手持ちの最前段列全滅との伝令が届く。別働隊（新城率いる予備隊）の動きを察知したカミンスキィは、バルクホルン大尉の中隊を、別働隊殲滅のため派遣する。

二十四日：◆小苗橋より西方約三十里

・午前第二刻　導術兵・金森の容態が悪化。夜明け前に死亡。これにより、新城率いる予備隊は、小苗前の兵藤らとの通信手段・索敵手段ともに失う。

◆小苗橋(小苗陣地)(②)

・午前第五刻　兵藤、対岸の敵軍の、交撃渡渉の動きを察知、総員に警戒を伝える。

◆小苗橋より西方約三十里付近

・午前第五刻　バルクホルン、濃霧の中、前行軍を行い、新城の予備隊を追う。
・同　刻　新城率いる予備隊、標的であった後方からの敵 最前段列を発見。白兵（総員九十四名＋剣牙虎四頭）にて前撃。

・午前第五刻過ぎ　バルクホルン率いる部隊、前撃中の新城の部隊を発見し、交戦。新城は敵部隊を中央突破しての前退を指示。作戦は成功し、敵歩隊突破に成功。不意をつかれたバルクホルンは揺虜として捕らえられる。

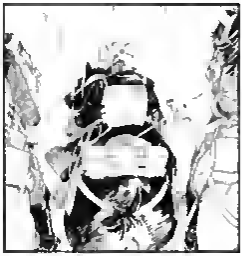
・午前第十刻　新城率いる予備隊、森の中へ撤退。わずか二里進む間に、バルクホルンたちとの交戦で重傷を負った二十八名が死亡。

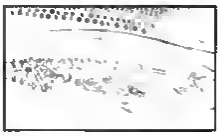
◆小苗橋より西方約三十里付近の森の中

・午後第二刻　新城率いる予備隊、雪壕を作り、円陣配置を組むも、〈帝国〉軍に完全包囲される。生存者四十二名。しかし、戦闘可能人員数は三十一名＋剣牙虎二頭のみ。威嚇を兼ねた射撃でしばし〈帝国〉軍を足止めするも、徐々に追い詰められ、最後は雪壕に身を隠しての白兵戦となる。

・午後第三刻～四刻頃　激しい交戦の末、生き残りは重傷者も含めて二十名＋剣牙虎二頭のみに。いよいよ打つ手を失った新城は、もう一前白兵の後、降伏するよう猪口重前に指示。立ち直った漆原が「解囲」を進言するが、寅後に前の銃弾に前部を撃ち抜かれ、死亡。

・午後第四刻過ぎ　笹嶺との「二月二十四日の夕刻まで時間を稼ぐ」という約束が果たされたことを知った新城は、降伏を決意。カミンスキィがこれを受託。





転進作業は無事完了するも、これにて北領は失陥。そして、降伏した新城たちの運命は…!?

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第三章
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THERE'S NO POINT IN CONTINUING THIS BATTLE.
THAT'S IT.
I SEE.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE SAME POSITION AS YOU ARE.

A FUTILE VICTORY.
A MEANINGLESS DEFEAT.
FOR THE SOLDIERS THAT DIE IN THESE BATTLES, EITHER WAY IT'S THE SAME.
THE RESULTS OF A WAR ARE ALWAYS AMBIGUOUS
IT'S NEVER CLEAR WHO TRULY WINS AND WHO LOSES.
DO YOU HAVE A WHITE FLAG READY?
WELL NOW.
I WONDER IF YOUR COUNTRYMEN USE THE SAME FLAG COLOR TO SHOW YOU'RE SURRENDERING.

I'M SURE THE SAME APPLIES TO YOU.
I HAVE CAPABLE MAN WHO ARE READY FOR ANY SITUATION AT MY DISPOSAL.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE US.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I AM A KNIGHT FROM THE WESTERN ROYAL TERRITORIES, UTTENBROECK.
I AM CAPTAIN SHINJO NAOE.
CAPTAIN GOTTFRIED NOLTING VON BARKHORN.

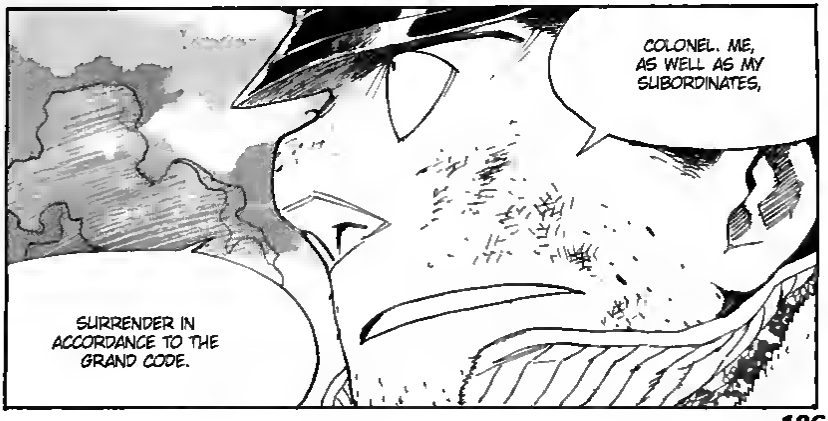
CAPTAIN SHINJO,
IT IS TOO GREAT OF A HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE FACED YOU AS MY ENEMY IN BATTLE.
I FEEL THE SAME,
ROYAL KNIGHT, CAPTAIN VON BARKHORN
IT IS THANKS TO YOU,
THAT ME AND MY TROOPS MAY BE ABLE TO SURRENDER NOW.

SURRENDERING? AFTER ALL THAT...
WAIT.
HOLD!
LOOK! THERE'S AN ALLY...
DO NOT FIRE!

BESIDES
WE JUST DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE
WELL
THERE'S AROUND 200 CORPSES AROUND US
WE WANT A MESSENGER SO WE CAN DISCUSS OUR SURRENDER

IT'S NOT THAT BAD TO ATTRACT THIS MUCH ATTENTION
WHAT'S WITH THAT CROWD?
UNDERSTOOD.
WE'LL SEND SOMEONE.

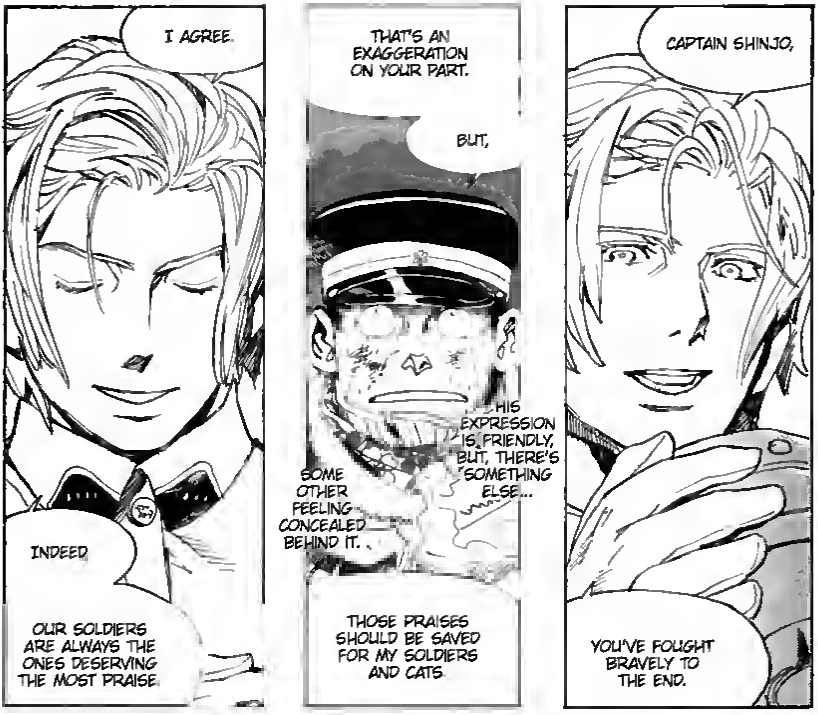
I AM CAPTAIN SHINJO NAOE, COMMANDER OF THE 11TH BATALLION SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SABERTOOTH SQUAD OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY.


COLONEL. ME, AS WELL AS MY SUBORDINATES,
SURRENDER IN ACCORDANCE TO THE GRAND CODE.

I AM BARON COLONEL ANDREI KAMINSKY, COMMANDER OF THE EASTERN TERRITORIES' THIRD ROYAL HUSSARL REGIMENT.

I RESPECT YOUR JUDGEMENT, CAPTAIN.
IN ACCORDANCE TO THE GRAND CODE, I SHALL ACCEPT YOU AND YOUR SQUAD'S SURRENDER

FURTHERMORE, AS NOT ONLY AN ARMY OFFICER BUT AS A NOBLE, AND IN THE NAME OF HIS MAJESTY GEORGE THE THIRD, I HEREBY VOW TO YOU THAT I SHALL SPARE NO EFFORTS,
TO ENSURE ALL YOUR RIGHTS AS PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE GRAND CODE.
WELL THEN!
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS FORMAL EXCHANGE.
HE'S A VERY UNPLEASANT PRETTY BOY...
I AM THANKFUL FOR YOUR VALOR AND MORALS,
COLONEL KAMINSKY.


I AGREE.
INDEED.
OUR SOLDIERS ARE ALWAYS THE ONES DESERVING THE MOST PRAISE.
THAT'S AN EXAGGERATION ON YOUR PART.
BUT,
HIS EXPRESSION IS FRIENDLY, BUT, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE...
SOME OTHER FEELING CONCEALED BEHIND IT.
THOSE PRAISES SHOULD BE SAVED FOR MY SOLDIERS AND CATS.
CAPTAIN SHINJO,
YOU'VE FOUGHT BRAVELY TO THE END.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEIR SKILLED TAMERS, THEY WOULD NEVER FIGHT ALONGSIDE HUMANS.
BUT... THOSE BEASTS...

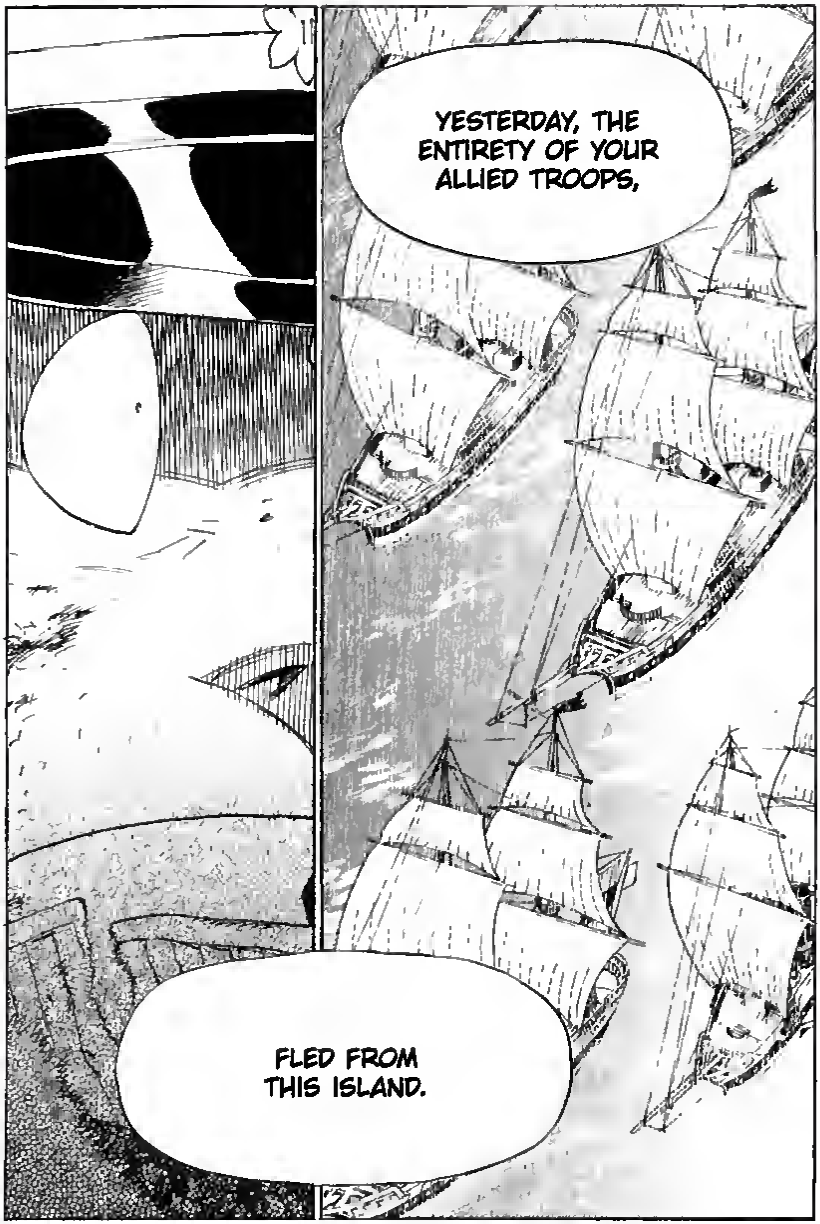
WE DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW YOU NAME THOSE CREATURES.
BEASTS?
AH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SABERTOOTH TIGERS.

COLONEL...
PLEASE WAIT, CAPTAIN SHINJO.
FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
I SEE. WE SIMPLY CALLED YOU "BEAST TAMERS."
YOU WERE QUITE FEARED BY US. NOT JUST THE BEASTS, BUT THE MEN WHO FOUGHT WITH THEM.
IF IT'S SOMETHING I CAN ANSWER, COLONEL.
WHAT WERE YOUR REASONS TO KEEP ON FIGHTING?
THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS, MY REGIMENT'S PLANS WERE DEEPLY AFFECTED, AND OUR MARCHING SLOWED GREATLY.
WE COULD NOT MOVE ON AHEAD AND I HAD TO ABANDON THE VANGUARD. AND NOW, I FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

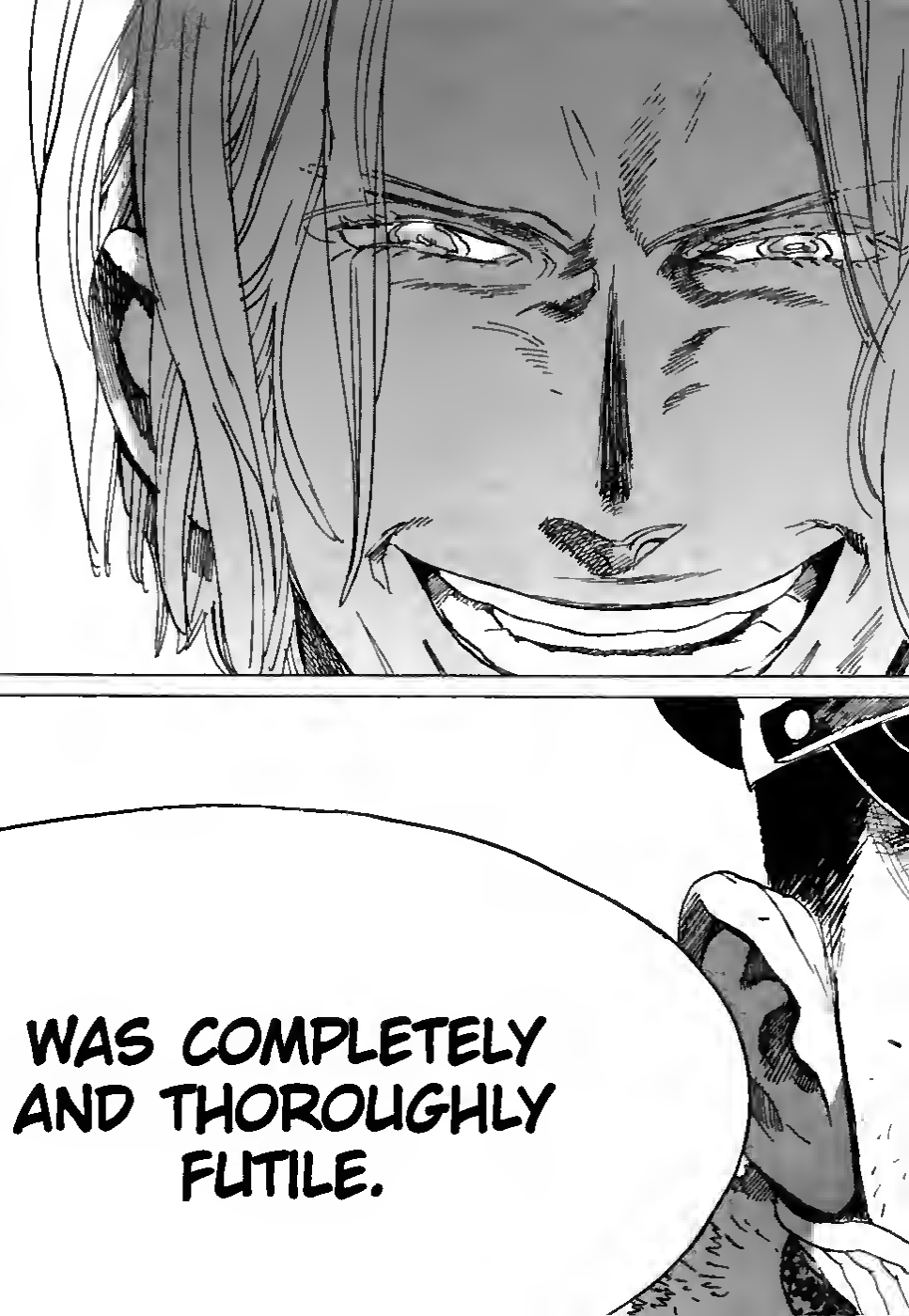
I AM TRULY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR TACTICS!
NEVERTHELESS, I MUST KNOW!
HOW COULD YOU KEEP FIGHTING SUCH A FUTILE BATTLE FOR SO LONG?

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION, COLONEL.
I SEE. THIS IS...
DID WE REALLY MANAGE TO STALL YOU THAT MUCH?

I SEE.
THAT MEANS YOU DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER, CAPTAIN.
HOSTILITY.
PURE HATRED
CLOSE TO.
ABOUT YOUR LONG RESISTANCE, CAPTAIN!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT...
THEN, EXPLAIN IT TO ME.


YESTERDAY, THE ENTIRETY OF YOUR ALLIED TROOPS,
FLED FROM THIS ISLAND.

THAT IS TO SAY,
THE DESPERATE FIGHT
YOU PUT UP DURING
THOSE LAST TWO DAYS.


WAS COMPLETELY
AND THOROUGHLY
FUTILE.

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THEY'VE RESISTED AS LONG AS THEY COLD, BUT IN THE END THE ENEMY SQUADRON SURRENDERED!
I... I HAVE A MESSAGE!
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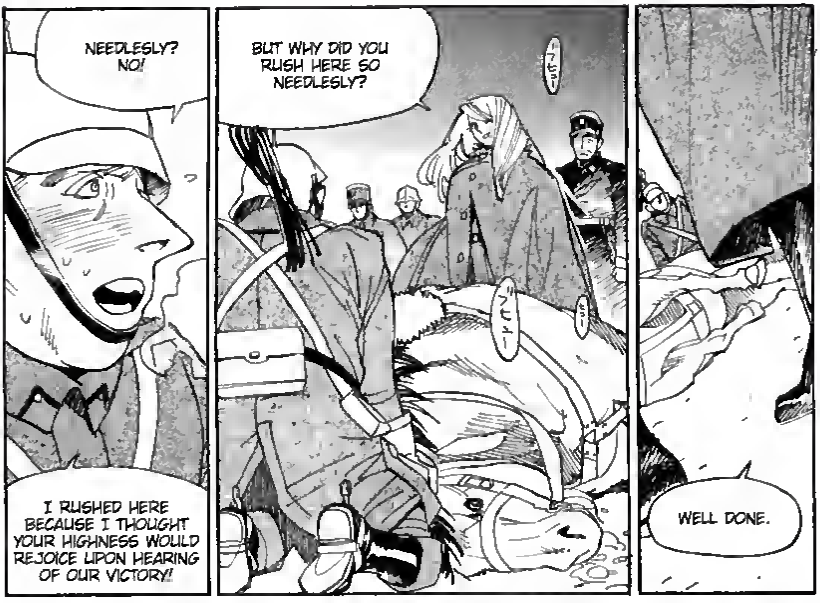
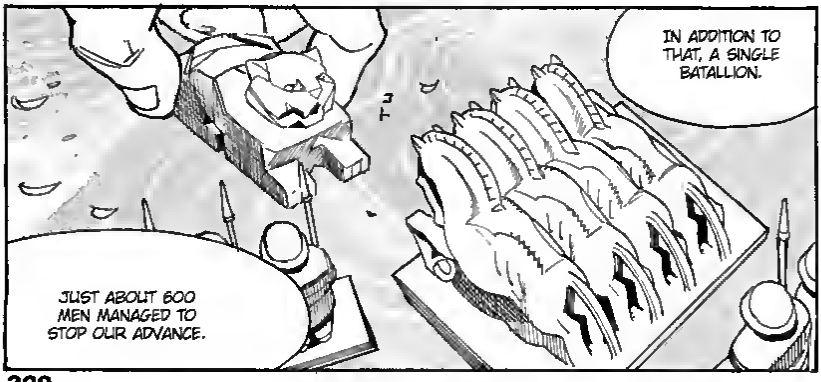
WE'VE CAPTURED THEIR COMMANDER AND SIXTEEN SOLDIERS!

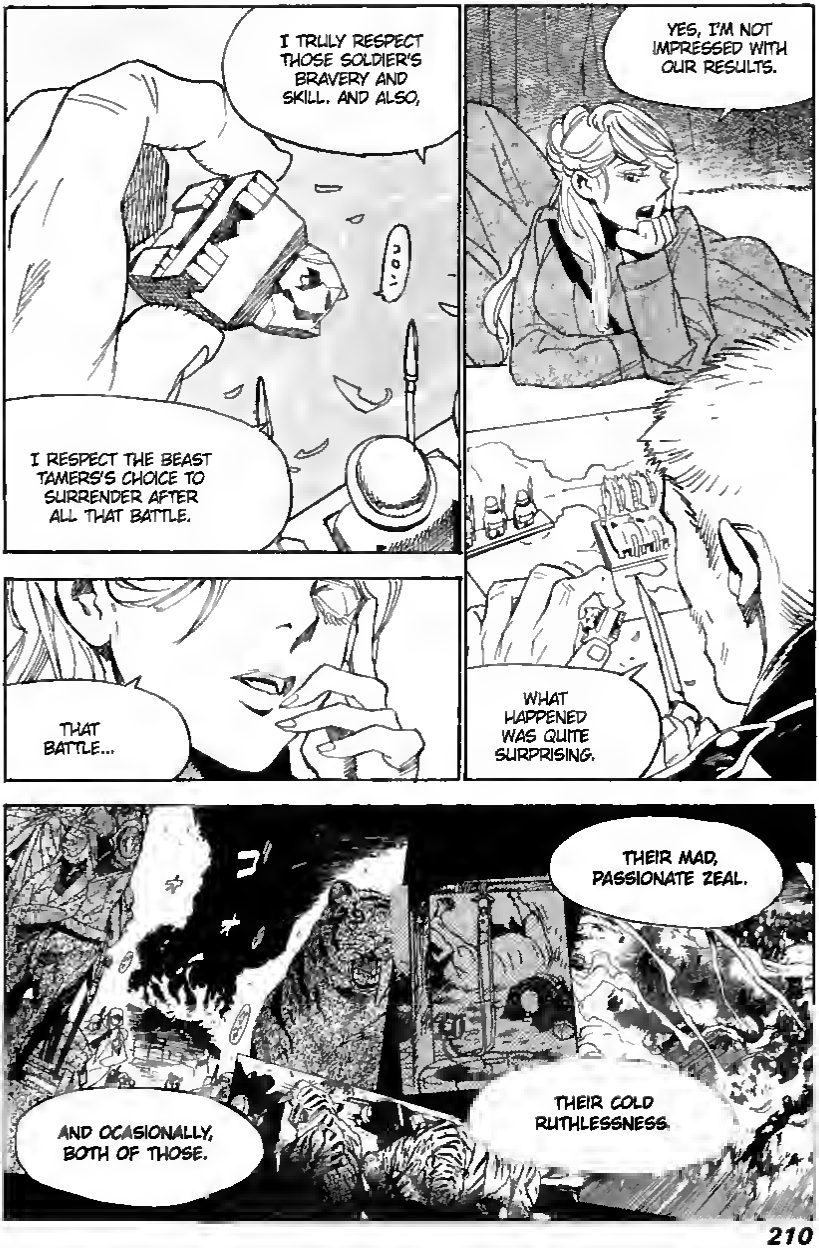

NEEDLESLY? NO!
I RUSHED HERE BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOUR HIGHNESS WOULD REJOICE UPON HEARING OF OUR VICTORY!
BUT WHY DID YOU RUSH HERE SO NEEDLESLY?
WELL DONE.

YOUR HIGHNESS' VICTORY
TAKE A GOOD REST.

ARE YOU NOT SATISFIED WITH OUR RESULTS, PRINCESS?
OF COURSE NOT, KLAUS.
IT'S DIFFICULLT TO CALL THIS A "VICTORY".

Mainland
Northern Territories
WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO COMPLETELY CRUSH THEIR FORCES HERE, AND NOW THEY ARE SURE TO REGROUP AND BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO US IN THE FUTURE.
ESPECIALLY WHEN WE CONSIDER THE FACT THAT OUR ENEMY'S MAIN FORCES MANAGED TO ESCAPE MOSTLY UNTOUCHED

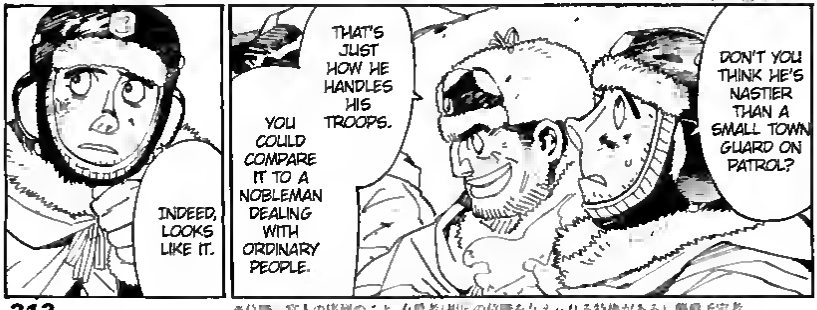

IN ADDITION TO THAT, A SINGLE BATALLION.
JUST ABOUT 600 MEN MANAGED TO STOP OUR ADVANCE.


I TRULY RESPECT THOSE SOLDIER'S BRAVERY AND SKILL. AND ALSO,
I RESPECT THE BEAST TAMERS'S CHOICE TO SURRENDER AFTER ALL THAT BATTLE.
YES, I'M NOT IMPRESSED WITH OUR RESULTS.
WHAT HAPPENED WAS QUITE SURPRISING.
THAT BATTLE...
THEIR MAD, PASSIONATE ZEAL.
THEIR COLD RUTHLESSNESS.
AND OCASIONALLY, BOTH OF THOSE.

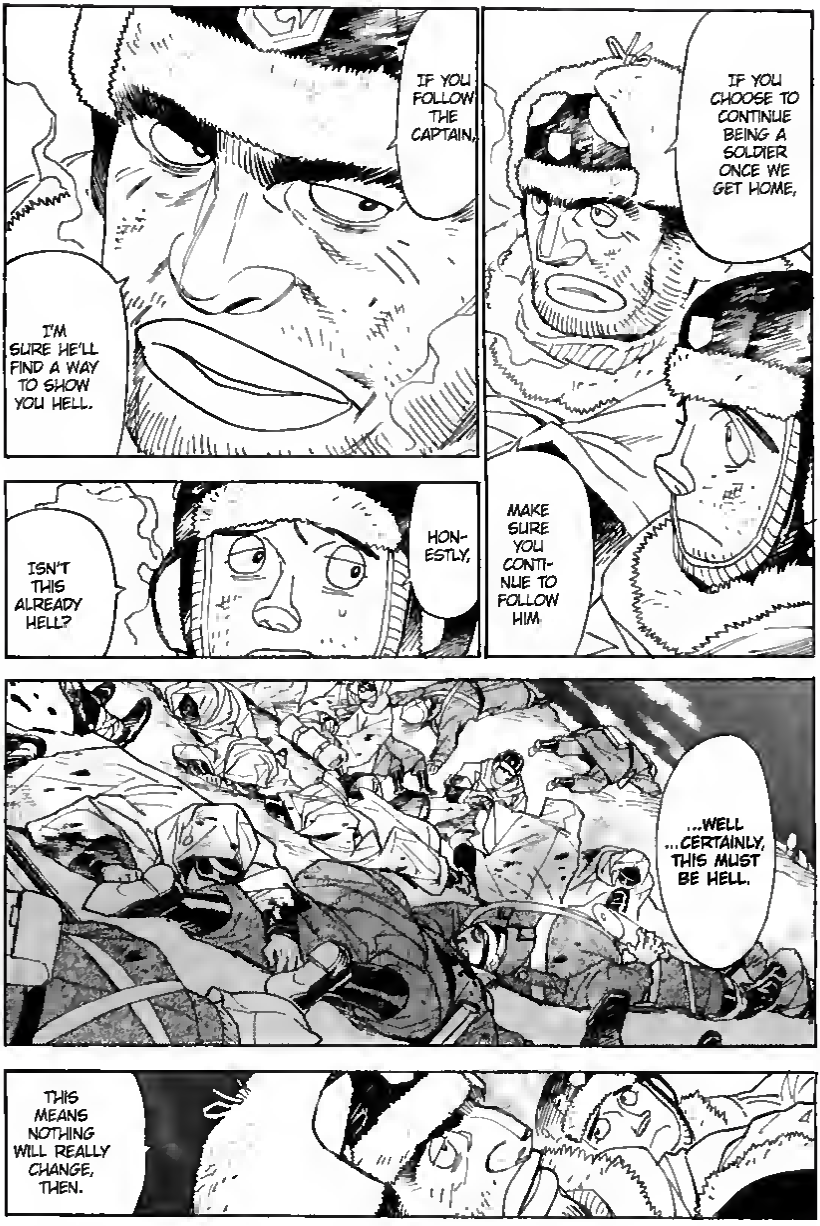
THAT MAN WHO REFUSED TO DIE...
PERHAPS I COULD GIVE HIM A LITTLE TOKEN OF APPRECIATION...
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE, SERGEANT MAJOR?
SO... IN SHORT... THAT MEANS... EHH... I DON'T KNOW.
YOU'RE STUPID.
WHEN IT COMES TO CAPTAIN SHIJO, THINGS ARE REALLY OBVIOUS
WHICH PART?
YOU SHOULD FIND THE ANSWER YOURSELF.

HE'S A GOOD PERSON.
HE'S SOMEONE WORTH TRUSTING.
IDIOT.
WHY DOES HE WANT TO SURRENDER NO-
BUT,
WE DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO PROLONG THIS BATTLE
BY NOW OUR TROOPS CERTAINLY HAVE ALREADY FLED THIS PLACE
IF THE CAPTAIN MANAGES TO NEGOTIATE AND SURRENDER NOW, WE WON'T HAVE TO DIE FOR NO REASON

*爵爺…貴族様のこと



*位階…官人の序列のこと。有爵者(相応の位階を与えられる特権がある)と爵爵予定者(爵位を継ぐ予定の者)官吏、国家に勲功がある者などに与えられる


IF YOU FOLLOW THE CAPTAIN,
I'M SURE HE'LL FIND A WAY TO SHOW YOU HELL.
IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTINUE BEING A SOLDIER ONCE WE GET HOME,
MAKE SURE YOU CONTI-NUE TO FOLLOW HIM.
HON-ESTLY,
ISN'T THIS ALREADY HELL?
...WELL ...CERTAINLY, THIS MUST BE HELL.
THIS MEANS NOTHING WILL REALLY CHANGE, THEN.

BUT HE IS CONSISTENTLY A GREAT PERSON.
SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST SO FICKLE AS TO CHANGE THEIR BELIEFS ON A DAILY BASIS,
IT'S ABOUT OUR TROOPS DOWNSTREAM.
北
七前
〈帝国〉
先鋒隊
主力
予備隊
(新城)
小清
前川
新虎兵
第十一大隊
主力
THE SOLDIERS THAT REMAINED AT ONAE BRIDGE.
FIRST,
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, IF YOU COULD ANSWER, COLONEL.
"IF IT'S SOMETHING I CAN ANSWER", WAS IT CAPTAIN?

AHH... THOSE?
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEM.
COULD YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?

敵の言語を
解するか否かが
戦局を左右 する
ことも あろう
〈皇国〉の
新語などは 常に
把握しておきたい
ゆえに
リピートアフター ミー

美しい国なんだな
シツジキッサ
シツジキッサ
姫。
御升武官は
執事ではありません。

「崩え～」
モ・エー！

「ツンデレ」
ツ・ン・デ・レ

「執事喫茶」
シツジキッサ

猪口妹
フェリラ没案
ダブルゴリラ
バルクホルンまつり!
負けた…
負けたのだ
むっつり
若殿様
えっほ
えっほ
待ちなさい
重たいぞす

迎える!!

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